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Libraries (T.H.) - VCPL

First library started here in 1818

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By Frances E. Hughes

For the first time in more than 70 years, Vigo County is to have a new public library.

It is expected that ground will be broken in the late Winter of 1977 or early Spring of 1978 for the new building to be erected on the site of the former Wiley High School on the southwest corner of Seventh and Walnut streets.

Estimates are that it will take one year to be built and the total cost will be in the area of \$3,500,000.

All three local colleges, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana State University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology have added new libraries to their campuses in recent years.

A public library was one of the first institutions set up in Vigo County as early as 1818. On Jan. 21 of that year, when the county was formed from Sullivan County, records show feeble efforts to form Vigo County libraries.

In 1823, a subscription city library was established in Terre Haute, with John Britton as librarian. W. C. Linton was president of the board and trustees were James J. Farrington, Curtis Gilbert, William Clark, Nathaniel Huntington, D. H. Johnson, D. F. Durkee and George Hussey.

This library failed financially and ceased to exist. This left only private libraries of prominent and professional citizens, which were sometimes opened to friends.

Harrison Township received its proportionate share of \$160,839 spent on books in the state of Indiana after the Township Library Law was passed in 1853. A library was then established at 318 Ohio Street with I.M. Brown, publisher of the Daily and Weekly Union, as librarian. This Harrison Township Library was later moved to the Union Printing Office in Routledge's Building on Market Street.

Some books from the Workingmen's Institute Library, established by William Maclure at New Harmony, also were available to local residents at that time.

The Township Library Law was repealed, and the books in the Township Library were neglected and the library closed.

Next Came the Association Library, authorized by an act of the legislature in 1852 but not established here until 1869. That year, the Terre Haute Library Association established an office and reading room in the second story of the building at the northwest corner of Fifth Street and Wabash Avenue.

Members paid \$4.00 a year for membership. Deloss M. Minshall was president; John S. Beach, secretary, and J. Hollister Balding, in charge of property.

William H. Wiley, superintendent of city schools from 1869 to 1906, kept records and worked untiringly in efforts to establish a worthwhile library and branch libraries in the city schools.

Two societies tried to start libraries here. One was the Ulyssean Library, which had quite a collection of books, some of which

were later given to the library of Rose Polytechnic Institute. The other was the Concordia Society, whose small collection was finally turned over to the public library.

In 1879, a second Terre Haute Library Association was organized and many shares of stock were subscribed. N. G. Buff was president, and Dr. J. P. Worrell, secretary.

When the Common Council voted down a library tax, this group turned its association over to a group of "enthusiastic and progressive women" who started a Subscription Library at 624 1/2 Wabash Avenue.

Among these women were Lucy C. Wanner, Leona Bowyer, Elizabeth S. Byers, Eliza B. Wiley, Mary Sydney Miller, Mary F. Reeves and Ella Burt McKeen. Mrs. Wanner served as librarian.

Even then, there was women's lib for the women did not invite men to belong to their association. The men could contribute money and books or read there but they could not become members.

In June of 1881, local school trustees, acting under an 1880 law, levied a tax of 2c on each \$100 of taxable property for library purposes. In May of 1882, the Terre Haute school trustees purchased the property of the Terre Haute Library Association, retained the rooms at 624 1/2 Wabash Avenue and elected Mrs. Wanner as librarian. Nucleus for the public library was 1,140 volumes.

Later that year, the library was moved to 709 1/2 Wabash Avenue, and in 1896, the Universalist Church at 119 North Eighth Street was purchased to house the growing collection.

In October, 1894, Mrs. Wanner resigned and Miss Leatha Paddock succeeded her.

By 1903, the library had outgrown its quarters and Crawford Fairbanks built the present library building at 222 North Seventh Street in memory of his mother, Emeline Fairbanks. The new building was opened to the public on Aug. 11, 1906, and has served as the main library here ever since. W. H. Floyd and C. E. Scott were the architects for the building.

On April 30, 1906, Miss Paddock resigned and Mrs. Sallie Hughes became librarian, serving until her death in 1927. Miss Florence Crawford was then appointed to the position and she, too, served for many years until 1951. For two years (1951-53), Miss Hazel Bungard was librarian, after which Stillman K. Taylor served as librarian from 1953 to 1967.

Mrs. Betty Martin became acting librarian in 1967, and the present library head, Edward N. Howard, became Director of Public Libraries of Vigo County in 1968. The title was changed from Head Librarian to Director of Public Libraries that year.

During the Great Depression years, the library suffered along with everything else. In 1931-32, there had been 25 agencies connected with the library--three high school libraries, five one-day stations at schools, 13 agencies serving schools and community, one hospital library, three sta-

tions serving homes for aged women and Crittenton Home.

When the tax rate was reduced in 1932, all of these were closed except the main library, three high school libraries, three stations at homes and the hospital library. The staff was reduced from 33 to 22.

The Fairbanks Library building has remained the main library. The first bookmobile began operation in 1955, with a second unit added in 1958. Also in 1958, the Meadows Branch was established as the first public library branch in a shopping center in Indiana and the only underground public library in the United States.

In 1960 after Vigo County adopted the one-county school system, the Fairbanks Library was converted from a city library to the Vigo County Public Library, governed by a seven-member board.

Branch libraries have now been added at Plaza North Shopping Center, Southland Shopping Center and West Terre Haute. This vast library system provides many services to the public and it is considered a very excellent one.

There is conjecture as to what will happen to the historic Fairbanks Library building, which has become a favorite landmark in Terre Haute. Fairbanks donated \$50,000 for the construction of the building and \$25,000 for equipment and furnishings, and the City of Terre Haute provided the land, title to which still remains with the Civil City.

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God on campus

Religion attracts college students

By Peter Donahue

"I knew that the fraternity system wasn't for me, but I knew that I had been accepted by the Lord, and that was enough for me," says John Fitch, Rose-Hulman senior.

Sound to you like someone has been hanging out at Sunday school a little too long? Got a bit of pew dust between the ears perhaps? Possibly even have that stained-glass gaze?

It may be more "contagious" than the "Legionnaires Disease" ("We've found no inoculation on the ISU campus against Jesus Christ," says Terre Haute senior Mike Russell).

It must be contagious even if the Legionnaires Disease isn't, if the number of religious organizations on the ISU campus is any measure. Currently (the number seems to go up every time an airplane lands from India) there are 11 officially-recognized campus organizations, ranging from the traditional fundamental church to the Transcendental Meditation movement.

For those not into any religion and are saying "So what," there is an alternative. Make up your own.

"In Los Angeles," relates Mike Warnke, author of *The Satan Seller*, and ex-high priest of a witch coven with 1500 followers, "you can put a sheet over your head, walk through town and inside of fifteen minutes have 40 people ready to follow you to the death."

Fortunately ISU students seem to be a little more rational. And conservative.

"This campus really is conservative. There are no large amounts of radicals, but a large percentage of Christians on campus," says George Willock, staff member of Campus Crusade for Christ, an organization that takes surveys of student religious beliefs and preferences.

"Ninety per cent of the people we survey have a church affiliation or background," continues Willock, "and about 90 per cent

express a desire for some sort of relationship with God, ideally speaking."

Fulfillment of this desire takes many forms - fraternities, sororities, clubs, athletic teams, and religious organizations and centers.

With more than 120 ISU organizations, 11 religious organizations don't sound like many in comparison. Still, 90 per cent of 12,000 students is a lot of people looking for fulfillment.

"A lot of students on campus are first generation students," says John Chironna, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church located on Seventh Street's "church row." "If they don't find the proper relationship in college life, they look to the church. If they don't find it there, they float around until they find something."

"It's important to have an outside source, but like the great philosophers said, 'know thyself.' This is one area many fail to look - within themselves," Chironna said.

Kim Kirkendall, Logansport freshman, disagrees.

"I don't think students go to traditional churches because of security, or that they have to because they always did before coming to college. I feel they honestly believe in what they're doing," he says.

What then, is drawing people back into the traditional church and traditional Christian beliefs?

Says Chironna, who received his Masters in clinical psychology from Princeton University, "Students are wanting to find answers and lifestyles, and are finding the Christian lifestyle the most viable way."

"Before, the church was answering questions people weren't even asking. Now you can't say to a student with a problem 'this is what the Bible says, just sit back and have faith that God will work it out.'

"You have to show them that faith is an act, how to seek out the answer, and how to apply scriptures to everyday life."

"There also must be a balance between the conservative aspect of traditional

church and a social concern. You don't go up to a starving man and tell him he needs God. You've got to give him a piece of bread first."

Basing his beliefs on interaction with students through counseling and weddings, Chironna says students today are no different than they were in 1961 in their religious orientation. Half are traditional and about half are non-traditional.

"It's the same in worship services. We've run the gamut of guitars and contemporary songs, yet many times student solists pick old traditional songs that aren't palatable even to me," Chironna said.

But this is not to say that 90 per cent of the ISU student body goes to traditional churches, or any churches at all.

"Most have no creed, philosophy or anything they follow. There is a great desire to just hang around and seek after their own pleasure," says Brad Reardon, Crusade staffer.

"The popular trend is towards the eastern cults and philosophies, however. Religion is very popular nowadays," he adds.

Although facts show religion in general is on the rise everywhere (in politics too), it is difficult to discern whether there is any increase in ISU activity.

According to Donald Mighell, director of student activities, "It's hard to tell if religious organizations on-campus have experienced any increase. Part of the difficulty is very poor records; but mostly, it's a fact that religious organizations weren't recognized until eight or nine years ago."

"Also, many more students are now attending ISU, making a judgment on increase of activity and participation almost impossible," adds Mighell.

Some individual groups report an increase of regular members since last year: Fellowship of Christian Athletes from 10 to 12 last year to 37 at the opening meeting this year; the core group of students at the Catholic Center has risen sharply from four to five to around 20; and Campus Crusade's attendance tripled since last year to 75 committed members in personal growth groups, to cite a few examples.

The only really conclusive conclusion is that everything is very inconclusive. You can research old yearbooks and campus newspapers; try to count and estimate the number of groups and members of past years. Find the percentage of students involved relative to the total population going back at five year intervals, and then compare and graph those figures with this year's total.

It does not work. Take my word for it.

You can, however, turn directly to the 1950 *Sycamore* yearbook. Look in the fraternity section. Pictured is a fraternity gathered around the dinner table praying before the meal.

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Historical Society Community Affairs File Donates Library

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Recent action of the board of directors of the Vigo County Historical Society has resulted in their decision to place their extensive historical reference library in the Special Collections Room planned by the Vigo County Public Library for their new location at 7th and Walnut Streets.

With the goal for completion set for the end of 1976, this gift would be one of the most important contributions to the community during the Bicentennial Year.

Incorporated in 1924, the Vigo County Historical Society has been dedicated to collecting and preserving all sorts of local historical materials. Much of the collection consists of books, diaries, letters, photographs, and family and business papers.

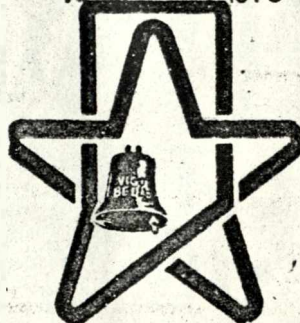
It was not until the 1950s that the library materials were put into any sort of usable shape, were unboxed and catalogued in readiness for the opening of the Historical Museum in 1958.

Since that time, the library contains approximately 2,000 books, ranging from family genealogies to county histories, state history, atlases, volumes concerning all the wars in which the United States has been involved, and all related historical subjects. Six metal file cabinets contain local history materials. A special cabinet contains rolls of microfilm for the microfilm reader, cassette tapes of interviews and other oral history, as well as films and slides for history programs.

Along with the responsibility for preservation, there goes the equally important need for making the contents of the library more accessible to those who are desirous of using it properly and under supervision. It's strictly a research and reference library, not a circulating or lending library.

A special library committee was appointed by Ralph J. Courtney, president of the Historical Society, to meet with a committee from the Vigo County Public Library Board to explore the possibility of placing the Society's collection in the

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new library now in the planning stages.

The late Dr. Richard Gemmecke, whose idea provided the impetus for the move, chaired the committee, along with Wayne Miller and Mrs. Dorothy J. Clark, whose years of work with the collection were recognized. Library Board members Mrs. Rosemary Duwellius and George Dunkin along with Edward Howard, library chief, met with the Society group and plans progressed.

The committees took their findings back to their respective boards of directors, and after careful consideration of all pros and cons, the move was unanimously approved.

At their March meeting, the Historical Society's board members approved the gift of the library collection to the public library. Book plates will be placed in the books to make the researcher aware of the original owner. Filed materials will be incorporated into the public library's locked file cases, and genealogical materials will be

placed in the public library's existing locked file cases.

Those library materials suitable for museum display will be retained for future use. Following the transfer, the room on the main floor of the museum now used for the library will be used for another purpose. The curator's time can be better utilized in museum display, programs, etc.

The planned Special Collections area of the proposed Vigo County Public Library provides a place to house and use the special collections of local history, genealogy, Indiana and American history (not found in general works) and other rare materials selected because of local significance. This material will be utilized by genealogists and local historians as well as researchers in Indiana and American history. This area provides a "safe" place, to house materials of value which must be protected and for which the library has no other housing such as museum or rare book sections.

This space must be near the reference room and microform center for both accessibility and visual control and should not be open to the public except under the guidance of a staff member. This space should be near a public copier and should be near the card catalog. It should be isolated from any noisy activity.

The objectives of the Vigo County Public Library in its role as community information center have been stated as three-fold:

Acquisition (input): To acquire by purchase or gift, and by staff recording and production, all relevant and potentially useful information that is produced by, about, or for the citizens of the community.

Storage: To organize this information for efficient delivery and convenient public access, its use, and provide assistance in its utilization.

Delivery (output): To cause maximum effective use of this information toward improving the quality of life in the community and the search for Understanding by its citizens.

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LOOKING OVER library materials in the Historical Museum's reference library which will be transferred to the new Vigo County Public Library as a Bicentennial gift are, left to right, Ralph J. Courtney, Society president; Wayne E. Miller, Society director; Arch R. Dunbar, board president, Vigo County Public Library, and Ed Howard, director, V.C.P.L.

Photo by House of Photography.

Miss Hazel Bungard—

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Distinguished Career As Librarian

By ELIZABETH CIANCONE
Star Staff Writer

A small four-year-old girl was permitted to accompany her older cousin to the library for the first time. Before they entered the building, he cau-

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tioned her that she must be quiet, but she was hardly prepared for the stern figure behind a huge desk on a platform just inside the entrance.

The figure rose from her chair, pointed an unrelenting forefinger at the little girl and said, "Don't you dare say a word!" She must have been an imposing figure, because the memory is still green for Miss Hazel Bungard.

It was Miss Bungard's introduction to libraries and librarianship, but in spite of it she went on to a distinguished career as a librarian and will be the senior retiree in terms of years of service at Friday's ground-breaking ceremonies.

Always a bookish person, Miss Bungard completed high school in 1916, mid-year. She devoted her mornings to three classes at Indiana State, then hopped on a "jitney" to get back to Garfield High School in time to sit in on a ninth term of English from her favorite teacher. That same year she applied for, and was granted, a permit from the School Board to work as a library apprentice.

Her career as a librarian began in December when she was hired as a circulation clerk to work from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday. She earned 50 cents for the four hours each week, or specifically, 12½ cents an hour.

At the time Miss Bungard joined the library staff, Mrs. Sallie C. Hughes was head librarian and urged her young protegee to seek library certification and even offered to help her gain entrance to school. Unfortunately it was too late in the season to apply in Indiana where the class was

already full, so Mrs. Hughes pulled a few strings and arranged for the novice to enter school at the University of Illinois.

Competition was keen and included several honor students and one librarian with many years of experience, but Miss Bungard finished third high in the group. Her teachers urged her to remain to complete a degree and even offered to help her get scholarship money, but "it was a question of money," Miss. Bungard says. "I didn't have it."

So, she came home and, in spite of "Papa's objections," she took a job at South Bend Public Library as assistant to the head librarian. She remained for only 13 months by which time "Papa" had become more anxious than ever to have her back home. It was about the time the United States entered World War I, and not only was one sister ailing, but her only brother had enlisted.

So Hazel Bungard came back to Terre Haute. Her superior had warned, "You'll go back to

that little rinky-dink town and that's the last we'll hear from you." Hazel chuckles now, "I wish she were still alive so I could tell her, 'how right you were.'"

It may have been the last the world heard of Hazel Bungard, but Terre Haute has heard plenty over the years. She worked in a variety of capacities over the years. She replaced Miss Minnie Connor who introduced story hours for children in 1907, and was the story teller at Collett Park for a number of years. She also classified and catalogued all of the children's collection. When head librarian Miss Florence Crawford left

the library in 1951 at age 76, Miss Bungard became acting head librarian, a position she filled competently for something more than two years until she was replaced by Stillman Taylor in October 1953.

As head librarian she introduced Library of Congress cards and successfully lobbied for weekend closing.

Miss Bungard remained in the harness for another ten years, competent as always in many areas. She retired in 1956 while serving as readers' advisor, having logged an impressive 47 years as a librarian.

Unquestionably she could have gone on to impressive

positions in her profession, but over her 47 years she has made thousands of library patrons

glad she followed Papa's wishes and came home to Terre Haute.

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Library Board To Advertise For Additional Appropriation

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Members of the Board of Trustees of the Vigo County Public Library met in regular session Monday night and were presented information about Bicentennial material available through the facility.

Mrs. Frances Boyd, coordinator of public services, explained various materials available through the library and where they may be found.

The local library has available a list of local persons who would be available to speak on the Bicentennial, a list of appropriate and convenient places to tour in the area, a list of special events and several other devices that can be used in preparation for the nation's 200th birthday.

Another highlight of the meeting was a short statement by Robert Miller, who is developing schematics for the new public library. Miller told President Arch Dunbar and the rest of the board members that work was proceeding on schedule and that the first two phases of the schedule had been completed.

Miller is currently in town for a work session with staff members.

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The board granted permission to advertise for an additional appropriation of \$4,852. The money will be used for the restoration of misappropriated funds from the current budget as found by the State Board of Accounts. The money was paid back as part of more than \$16,000 found missing by field examiner during a recent investigation.

The money has been secured in a bank and is not to be spent unless appropriated for use. Any unused portion will be applied to next year's budget, according to Library Director Ed Howard.

During the director's report, Howard reviewed the acceptance of the 1976 operating budget by the Vigo County Tax Adjustment Board. He also pointed out that the increased assessed valuation materialized, permitting necessary funds to be raised with a 36.82 cent levy.

Howard also discussed briefly the State Board of Accounts Field Examiner's report pointing out a shortage of \$16,360.92 that was allegedly taken by a former library employee.

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In a prepared statement, Howard said "All parties involved since the start of the investigation on April 28 have been totally cooperative, and have joined in a common effort to resolve the matter. These include the library's suppliers, financial institutions, legal and

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law enforcement authorities, insurance agents and companies, State Board of Accounts and its field examiners, the library staff members, the library's attorney, the Library Board, and no less important, the citizens of this community.

Howard also asked clarification on the point involving the accused former employee and a present staff member, Dorothy M. Thomas, is the former employee named in the Field Examiners' report and should not be confused with current staffer Dorothy Ann Thomas, a clerk-typist in the Group Services Office. "Dorothy Ann has an unblemished record of service with the library," Howard emphasized.

Howard and Dunbar each extended their apologies for any undue embarrassment endured by Dorothy Ann Thomas.

Howard announced a "sizable cash gift for the purchase of additional materials" received by the Southland branch from Dr. Ross Brown, Director of Animal Science Research, Commercial Solvents Corporation.

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The library director also asked the board to allow staff members to attend seminars. They include:

Alice Fultz, reference librarian, to meeting of Indiana Chapter, Special Libraries Association at Indianapolis.

Alice Wert, coordinator of technical services; Beverly Light, circulation supervisor; Roberta Sims, processing clerk; Julia Thiede, order clerk, and Director Howard to a four-day conference of Midwest Federation of Library Associations at Detroit.

Howard will also attend a two-day meeting of Administrators of Large Public Libraries in Indiana at Indianapolis.

The board accepted Tamara I. Chaney, Penelope Kyker, Rosemary Reeves and Betty J. Wood as new employees and accepted the resignation of Terry Bonewitz, and Nancy Walbring.

The library board adopted a resolution commending the Terre Haute League of Women Voters. It read:

WHEREAS, the Terre Haute League of Women Voters has demonstrated through study and action its continuing concern for public library service to the citizens of Vigo County, and

Whereas, the Library Study Committee of the Terre Haute League of Women Voters has diligently examined the need for a new main library building and has analyzed the planning proposals of the Vigo County Public Library, and

WHEREAS, as individual concerned citizens and as an organization committed to a policy of informed and active participation of citizens in the life of their community the members of the Terre Haute League of Women Voters have undertaken the responsibility of bringing the question of the legal status of the Vigo County Public Library to the court for a decision, and

WHEREAS, the decision rendered by the court has resolved the legal questions and has cleared the way for the Board of Trustees of the Vigo County Public Library to proceed with the planning for a new main library building;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Vigo County Public Library expresses its deep appreciation and sincere thanks to the members of the Terre Haute League of Women Voters for their dedication and untiring efforts in the interest of the community and the Vigo County Public Library.

The next meeting of the VCPL Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 20, at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, 222 N. 7th St., at 8 p.m.

Dunbar Reelected President Of Vigo Library Trustees

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Libraries (TH)

By BLAINE AKERS
Star Staff Writer

Election of officers, adoption of a resolution stating the purpose of the Vigo County Public Library and acceptance of the 1976 operating budget as advertised were among major items undertaken Monday night by the Vigo County Library Board of Trustees.

Arch R. Dunbar was reelected board president for the incoming 1975-76 session, while Ethel D. Bell was elected vice-president. Mrs. Bell replaces George E. Dunkin.

Rosmary K. Duwelius will again serve as board secretary and David L. Johnston was reelected as treasurer.

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In nominating Dunbar for the president's position, trustee Ned A. Bush, Sr. cited Dunbar or his excellent leadership. "It's been a pleasure working on this board with a president such as Mr. Dunbar who has directed this board in a responsible manner," praised Bush.

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The following resolution was

presented during Monday night's meeting.

WHEREAS, the public library was created for the benefit of the community and is supported through taxes levied upon the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the control of the public library is vested in a seven-member Board of Trustees whose decisions reflect the interests and needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, a Statement of

Purpose of the Vigo County Public Library heretofore has not been adopted;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Purpose of the Vigo County Public Library shall be:

To acquire by purchase or gift, and by recording and production, relevant and potentially useful information that is pro-

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duced by, about, or for the citizens of the community;

To organize this information for efficient delivery and convenient access, furnish the equipment necessary for its use, and provide assistance in its utilization; and

To effect maximum use of this information toward making the community a better place in which to live through aiding the search for understanding by its citizens.

Monday's night's VCPL meeting served as a public hearing for the proposed 1976 operating budget. There were no public comments, so consequently the board accepted the \$978,994 budget as publicly advertised.

Authorization to advertise the amount was granted at the board's last meeting.

The budget represents a 38.8 cent tax levy, providing the assessed valuation remains the same for this year. However, Ed Howard, library director, states this is unlikely and notes the proposed tax levy will probably drop below the frozen tax rate of 37 cents, when final assessed valuation figures are made public.

Howard claims the library board "has lost funds in previous years" because of underestimating new assessed valuations.

Providing the assessed valuation figure does not lower the proposed 38.8 cent tax levy, the board will be forced to make changes in the proposed budget.

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Under the proposed budget, services personal would increase from \$542,000 to \$574,000. The raise is attributed to proposed salary increases for the

library director, assistant library director and assistants.

Services contractual will swell to \$56,390 compared to last year's \$51,000. Supplies will remain the same at \$22,729.

Current charges spiral to \$211,000. Last year's figure was \$170,000. In that budget area however is an increase in the transfer to Improvement Reserve Fund. The increase is from \$85,000 to \$120,000.

According to Howard, the Vigo County Library Board may be recognized as a "pathbreaker" as a result of the board's "Statement of Purpose."

"Very few library boards have written statements of purpose, and of the ones that do, very few make sense," said Howard.

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The board also adopted two resolutions Monday night, one regarding facsimile signatures and a second concerning safety deposit boxes to be obtained at the Terre Haute First National Bank.

A directors' report submitted by Howard indicated the Building Program Statement has been revised following the evaluation of recommendations by the Staff Institute and building consultant Ralph Van Handel.

An updated copy of the Building Program Statement has been delivered to the schematic design architect Bob Miller, according to Howard, and designs will be forthcoming to the board.

Also, Howard said an average of 90 visitors per day toured the Mediamobile at the Banks of the Wabash Festival and 107 persons per day visited the facility at the Vigo County Fair.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF TAX LEVIES

In the Matter of Determining the Tax Rates for certain Purposes by the Library Board of Vigo County, Indiana

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Vigo County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of said municipality, at their regular meeting place, on the 18th day of August, 1975, will consider the following budget:

BUDGET CLASSIFICATION

LIBRARY OPERATING FUND		5. Current Charges	210,909
1. Services Personal	\$574,216	6. Current Obligations	0
2. Services Contractual	56,390	7. Properties	114,750
3. Supplies	22,729	8. Debt Payment	0
4. Materials	0	9. Total Library Operating Fund	\$978,994

ESTIMATE OF FUNDS TO BE RAISED
FUNDS REQUIRED FOR EXPENSES TO DEC. 31 OF
INCOMING YEAR

	Library Operating Fund
1. Total budget estimate for incoming year, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1975, inclusive	\$ 978,994
2. Necessary expenditures, July 1 to Dec. 31 of present year, to be made from appropriations unexpended	498,099
3. Additional appropriations to be made July 1 to Dec. 31 of present year	0
4. Outstanding temporary loans to be paid before Dec. 31 of present year (Not included in lines 2 or 3)	275,000
5. Total funds required (Add Lines 1, 2, 3 and 4)	\$1,752,093
FUNDS ON HAND AND TO BE RECEIVED FROM	
SOURCES OTHER THAN PROPOSED TAX LEVY	
6. Unexpended balance, June 30th of present year	130,786
7. Taxes to be collected, present year (Dec. Settlement)	631,732
8. Miscellaneous revenue to be received July 1 of present year to Dec. 31 of incoming year—Schedules on file	
a. Special taxes	171,058
b. All other revenue	1,020
9. Total Funds (Add Lines 6, 7, 8a, and 8b)	934,566
10. NET AMOUNT REQUIRED TO BE RAISED FOR EXPENSE TO DEC. 31 OF INCOMING YEAR (Deduct line 9 from line 5)	817,497
11. Operating Balance (Not in excess of expenses from Jan. 1 to June 30, less misc. revenue for same period)	30,000
12. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX LEVY (Add lines 10 and 11)	887,497
PROPOSED LEVIES	
Net Taxable Property	\$223,309,970
	Levy on Amount to
	Property Be Raised
FUNDS	
Library Operating	38.8 887,497
TOTAL	38.8 887,497

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF TAXES COLLECTED
AND TO BE COLLECTED

(Tabulate below amount to be collected in present year and amounts collected in each of the previous three years.)

FUNDS	Collected 1972	Collected 1973	Collected 1974	To Be Collected 1975
Library Operating	\$701,005	\$764,922	\$765,762	\$781,732
TOTAL	\$701,005	\$764,922	\$765,762	\$781,732

Taxpayers appearing shall have a right to be heard thereon. After the tax levies have been determined and presented to the county auditor not later than two days prior to the second Monday in September, and the levy fixed by the county tax adjustment board, or on their failure to do so, by the county auditor, ten or more taxpayers feeling themselves aggrieved by such levies, may appeal to the state board of tax commissioners for further and final hearing thereon by filing a petition with the county auditor on or before the fourth Monday of September or on before the tenth day after publication by the county auditor of tax rate charged, whichever date is later, and the state board of tax commissioners will fix a date for hearing in this county.

Dated this 21st day of July, 1975.

ARCH R. DUNBAR,
President of Library Board
ROSEMARY K. DUWELIUS
Secretary of Library Board
DAVID L. JOHNSTON,
Treasurer of Library Board

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Rule Favors Library Board

Community Affairs File

T JUN 26 1975

By WAYNE PERRY

Tribune Staff Writer

A judgment in favor of the Vigo County Library Board has been levied in the class action suit that sought to test the legality of the board for bonding purposes, presumably clearing the way for the issuance of bonds for a new main library facility.

Library spokesmen said that they felt the judgment "established the legality of the board and appears to satisfy the requirements of bonding officials in Indianapolis."

Charles K. McCrory, judge of Superior Court of Vigo County, Division II, signed the judgment Wednesday afternoon.

"This is something that had to be done before we could get started on any building program," noted Arch Dunbar, president of the library board.

"Now this can pave the way for us to issue bonds when the appropriate time comes," he added.

Noting that he was "very happy" with the judgment, Dunbar commented, "I believe the

board and the staff will be pleased — the staff has worked hard on the Proposed Building Statement for the new main building."

"I think now the community can recognize the fact that we can go ahead and progress," Dunbar concluded.

The library board has been considering the construction of a new main facility on the former Wiley High School site for several years but was refused bonding authority from David Brewer of the Indianapolis law firm of Ice, Miller, Dinadio, and Ryan.

The authority was denied because of the question of the legality of the board's composition and the board's authority to tax county-wide.

The legality question concerning the board dates back to 1960 when the School City of Terre Haute and several area township school districts combined into the single county unit of the Vigo County School Corporation under the so-called "School Corporation Reorganization Act of 1959."

At that time the school board

automatically began to act also as a library board for the entire county.

From the time that the VCSC was officially formed on Jan. 1, 1961, through the current time, the combined school and library board (and now the library board) has taxed all property located within Vigo County.

Action to clear up the library board's legality began on July 15, 1974, when a resolution was adopted by the school board, then operating as a Class II public library board, to convert to a Class I public library under the provisions of the "Public Library Law of 1947." The school and the library boards were then separated and a new library board was appointed according to the provisions of law.

To complete the legal requirements and in order to obtain an official judgment on the legal question of the board, a class action suit was filed by Florence L. Butter and Barbara N. Dailey for and on behalf of "all persons similarly situated," against the library board.

In his ruling on that case McCrory outlines the historical question of the board's legality and, in part, notes:

"No legal process was instituted during that period from 1961 to and including 1974 testing or questioning the right, power or authority to levy taxes for library purposes against all taxable property located in Vigo County, Indiana."

"No citizen or taxpayer of Vigo County, Indiana, appeared to protest the proposed levying of taxes against all property located in Vigo County, Indiana, by defendant, the Vigo County Public Library, at its public hearing held on Aug. 26, 1974..."

"The Vigo County Public Library... has been administered and operated as a county-wide library since 1961 and thereafter without objection from the citizens and taxpayers of Vigo County..."

"Since 1961 and thereafter to date the Vigo County Public Library... has been and is continuing to provide valuable

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services to all citizens and taxpayers of Vigo County....

"The citizens of Vigo County, have utilized and accepted the services rendered on a county-wide basis since 1961 to date."

"... the Vigo County Public Library... has relied and does rely upon the foregoing in providing said library services and to continue to provide said library services on a county-wide basis and in proposing to continue levying taxes for library purposes on all taxable property located in Vigo County..."

McCrory's "Conclusions of Law" included that:

(1) The library is a public

and municipal corporation "validly established and legally existing" under the Public Library Law of 1947.

(2) The limits of the library district are "coextensive and coterminous" with those of Vigo County.

(3) The library board has been and is now "legally constituted as the governing body of the Vigo County Public Library."

(4) The Library board has the legal power and authority to levy taxes against all taxable property in Vigo County. Particular note should be made, according to one local attorney, that even though the state attorney general ruled in 1964 that all school boards that had assumed the authority of library boards without proper action on paper were illegal as far as the control of the library was concerned, the 1965 state

legislature passed a statute that "cured the mistake."

The statute noted that any school board that had assumed the authority of a library board and had successfully taxed on a broad basis for two years prior to 1965 was legal. Such would apply to the local library board.

As noted earlier, the ruling does presumably clear the way for the issuance of bonds when needed for a new facility.

An appeal could be made by the plaintiffs in the action but such a move is not anticipated.

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Library Sets Final Church Exhibition

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The last in a series of church education materials exhibits of Vigo County Library "Combined Church Materials, 1975" will be at the Washington Ave. Presbyterian Church, 619 Washington Ave., Tuesday, Feb. 25, from 3 to 8 p.m.

According to Genevieve Reisner, VCPL Group Services librarian, who will be on hand to answer questions during the exhibit hours, the library materials are those which help program planners and lay persons with educational responsibilities in the church.

They include such items as games, posters, wall charts, mounted pictures, multimedia kits, films, choral readings, dramas, songs, etc.

Mrs. Reisner says, "Because we want all church people in the community who are interested in new church education formats to drop in at their convenience and browse through the specialized materials, we have been exhibiting them at churches in different areas in the community. This last display will give persons in the south end an opportunity to see them."

Mrs. Norman Fisher has been helping Mrs. Reisner with plans for the display at Washington Ave. Presbyterian Church. It is the last in a series which also included Maple Avenue Methodist Church and Trinity Lutheran Church.

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Library Receives

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The Vigo County Public Library has been presented with several microfilm and copies of historic volumes, all related to the Mormon Church, by a resident of Prairie Creek.

Robert A. Brown, the donor, has one of the largest collections of historic Mormon materials in the area.

Brown, a correctional officer at the U.S. Penitentiary, is also the author of a book on James J. Strang, entitled "The Book of the Law of the Lord."

The microfilm are of early Mormon newspapers, the Gospel Herald, the Northern Islander and Zion's Revivelle. Included in the material was a copy of "The Revelations of James J. Strang," together with a copy of the Appointment, which, according to Strangite belief, designated James J. Strang to be the successor of Joseph Smith, the Mormon Prophet. The original of the appointment letter, signed by Joseph Smith and mailed from the Nauvoo, Ill. post office to Strang, is in the library of Yale University. Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum were murdered in the Carthage, Ill. jail on June 27, 1844.

A copy of "The King Strang Story" by Doyle Fitzpatrick, was also in the material given

to the library. The library has a copy of "The Book of the Law of the Lord", which was translated by Strang from plates similar to those from which Smith translated the "Book of Mormon."

Strang had four polygamous wives. His first wife, Mary Perce Strang, together with his son, William J., and a daughter, Myrette Strang, lived in Terre Haute following the murder of James J. Strang on Beaver Island, Mich. in 1856. William and Myrette Strang are buried in Highland Lawn Cemetery.

The material regarding the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is available in the reference room of the library.

Library Board Meets. Visits Mediamobile

Surprise delivery of the Mediamobile to the Vigo County Public Library Monday afternoon enable the library board to inspect the equipment during its regular board meeting Monday evening.

Contract for the purchase of the Mediamobile was awarded May 20, 1974, to the Gerstenberger Co. A prolonged strike at the International Harvester Co., supplier of the chassis delayed delivery more than eight months. Purchase of the new van was authorized in February, 1974.

Other matters before the board included a report on the status of the friendly suit against the VCPL board to determine full legality of the board, by board attorney Guille Cox; a brief report on the VCPL staff institute on June 12-13; approval of the monthly financial statement, and acceptance of the directors report.

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The board also approved signing the application and agreement with Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority for a terminal which will aid in cataloging, interlibrary loan, mobilization of library resources within the state, and provide information retrieval service.

Attending the meeting to explain the program and answer questions were Harold Baker of Indiana State University library, president of InColSA board; and Barbara Marcason executive director of the Authority.

Presently, the VCPL is preparing its catalog card files from a microfisch service. The new terminal facilities, provided free by the Authority if the VCPL application is approved, will provide that service within a few minutes following receipt of a book. The library processes approximately 4,000 titles annually, and this is expected to increase with the advent of the new library building.

Cost of the services provided is expected to be approximately \$8,000 annually. The microfisch service fee is \$2,000 annually, has limited use and will be phased out, according to Ed Howard, director of VCPL.

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InColSA operates from Ohio Cooperative Library Corp. center, Columbus, O., on a computer system, with approximately 25 public and academic libraries in Indiana on direct terminal connection, through Indianapolis. Terre Haute is expected to be one of five public libraries in the state to receive a free terminal. Cost for the terminal otherwise, is approximately \$3,700.

Cox reported that all historic material back to 1903 and a brief had been filed with the judge in the suit. He also in-

dicated he expected a hearing date to be set soon.

Howard, in his monthly report, announced the budget for the library would be advertised June 21, and the regular meeting of Aug. 18 would also be a public hearing on the budget and tax rate.

The library has also purchased "tote sacks for information" printed with the Bicentennial emblem and library name, according to Howard.

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An ISU student, Carol Sutherland, in an experiment involving four 4th-grade pupils from Brazil in a remedial reading program, advanced the reading age level almost 2 years in one semester of the experiment. Results were measured by a qualified reading test.

Harmon Boyd, Cassandra Brooks, Marie Long, Vula Malooley, Betty Martin, Ann Newman, Suzanne Van Reed, and Alice Weert will attend the annual conference of the American Library Association in San Francisco in June.

The staff institute June 12 and 13 is for the purpose of reviewing the Building Program Statement as submitted by the architects and a first round of input sessions of the staff and public.

"However, there are many new concepts of libraries and library services, and we want the library here to be the most modern in the midwest in every respect," Mrs. Martin, assistant director, explained. She also urged all members of the board to attend, to review the program statement and place their ideas in the "hopper".

The June meeting of the board will be held at the main library June 16 at 8 p.m.

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Library Week Observance Planned Here

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National Library Week, April 13-19, will be observed by the Vigo County Public Library in several ways, says director Ed Howard.

"In addition to VCPL displays, programs, and special bookmark handouts, the McDonald's restaurant at 248 So. 7th St. is providing free meal tickets for drawings which will be held each day in all six libraries—Emeline Fairbanks, Meadows, Southland, Plaza North, West Terre Haute and the Mediamobile," Howard says.

There will be 15 tickets given daily for a free hamburger-fries-soft drink meal at the McDonald's restaurant, according to Dave Cope, manager.

He says the libraries will draw the names and will then notify winners to pick up the tickets at whichever library has drawn the names from its previous day's circulation.

"McDonald's has a policy of giving support to community service through gifts of this kind," says Cope.

The VCPL will also be part of an over-all "Libraries of Vigo County" television show which will kick off the week's observance, Howard says.

Produced by WTHI-TV with photography and script by Dr. Larry Reck of Indiana State University, the "Thirty Minutes" program will be aired on Channel 10 at 5 p.m., Saturday April 12, immediately following the Masters Golf Tournament.

Eleven Vigo County libraries will be included in the program: West Vigo Elementary, West Vigo Middle, Terre Haute North Vigo and Instructional Materials Center libraries of the Vigo County School Corporation; IVY Tech, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Rose-Hulman Institute and Indiana State University libraries; and the Vigo County Public Library.

National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association which has chosen "Information Power" as the 1975 theme.

On display in all the county libraries will be posters depicting this theme, and special thematic bookmarks are available free of charge.

The week has as its purpose the encouragement of library use as part of an American tradition and need.

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Dictionary NEW 5 1975 Commemorates Inauguration

Librarian (T.H.)
In commemoration of the inauguration of Dr. Richard G. Landini, eighth president of Indiana State University, a rare first edition of Friar Ambrosius Calepinus' Dictionarium, published in 1502, will be added to the Cordell Collection of Dictionaries at the ISU Cunningham Memorial Library.

The work was acquired from Bernard M. Rosenthal, Inc., San Francisco, Calif., rare book dealer.

"We are pleased to use this special acquisition to commemorate Dr. Landini's inauguration," Sul H. Lee, dean of ISU's Library Services, said. "This very rare first edition certainly strengthens the excellent Cordell Collection."

Lee added that a special bookplate for the work was chosen from bookplates specially designed for this purpose by students in an ISU art class. The bookplate selected was the work of Steven J. Dillon, an ISU junior art student from Montgomery, Ind.

Friar Calepinus of Bergamo, Italy, based this landmark Dictionarium on the pioneer work "Suidas," which was reportedly compiled by 1,000 or more authors. The Suidas Lexicon Graecum, first edition published in 1499, is in the ISU Cordell Collection.

Friar Calepinus' work, known as the "Calepine," is one of the most influential dictionaries of all time because of its direct influence upon development of the English language dictionary through Thomas Elyot's Dictionary, 1538 in Latin-English. During the whole period of the Renaissance scarcely an important dictionary was published which did not reflect directly or indirectly the influence of Calepine.

President Landini will participate in a ceremony Friday, Nov. 7, at 4 p.m. at the Library when the book will be officially added to the Cordell Collection.

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State Investigates Possible Misuse of Vigo Library Funds

JUL 10 1975 By WAYNE PERRY
Tribune Staff Writer

The possible involvement of a former library employee in the misappropriation of funds recently resulted in a request from the local library board to ask for an investigation by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

Announcement that the Vigo County Public Library Board had become aware of "possible irregularities and discrepancies" in its financial records during the first week of May was made public Wednesday.

Upon learning of the financial problems and the "possible involvement of a former library employee in alleged misappropriation of funds" the library board members notified the State Board of Accounts, the agency with the responsibility under law to investigate and report on such irregularities.

In addition, local authorities, and the library's insurance carriers were also notified immediately.

According to a library board release, the State Board of Accounts then conducted a "complete and lengthy" investigation of the financial records of the Vigo County Public Library.

"... and the State Board of Accounts apparently just completed its investigation last week," according to the announcement.

The local library board has not yet received the audit report on the result of the investigation.

Local officials declined to comment on when the report might be received. However, a spokesman for the State Board of Accounts in Indianapolis told The TRIBUNE that the report should be available within 30 days.

The spokesman would not, however, comment on the contents of the report.

Ed Howard, director of the library, refused to comment on the matter noting that any remarks would not be appropriate "until the report is received."

The director would not reveal the amount of money believed to be involved, how the discov-

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ery of possible misappropriation was discovered, or why the person believed to be involved was a "former employee."

The Indiana Code (IC 5-11-1 and following) concerning public accounting notes that an examiner from the State Board of Accounts is to file a copy of any report with the state examiner, with the institution being examined, and with the local auditing authority.

The field examiner is not permitted to release any information about the audit except to those persons. The state examiner must receive the report at the same time or prior to the other agencies.

State law also requires that if any malefeasance, misfeasance, or non-feasance on the part of any officer or employee is discovered, an additional copy of the report must be sent to the state attorney general who "shall" institute prosecution.

The accounts of the library are covered by appropriate insurance.

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Former VCPL Employee

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Admits Diverting Funds

Libraries (T.H.) - VCPL

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A former business manager of the Vigo County Public Library has admitted diverting more than \$16,000 in library funds to her personal use, according to a report Wednesday by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

Dorothy M. Thomas, who was employed as a secretary and later business manager from Sept. 1, 1954, until she resigned in May, admitted the theft in a signed statement to state auditors in May. The audit, which was requested by the Library Board of Trustees, was certified Wednesday to the Vigo County Grand Jury for possible criminal proceedings.

Phillip I. Adler, chief deputy prosecutor, said Wednesday night the report has been received in the Prosecutor's Office. Adler said the report will be studied in detail before any decision is made on a course of action.

Included in the audit was a statement by Miss Thomas, 41, in which she admitted taking

library money by making out phony checks payable from library funds, then cashing the checks herself.

Miss Thomas, who earned \$9,000 a year at the library, said in her statement to the Board of Accounts, "I should like to state that my misdeeds were not 'found out' until, because of my conscience, I confessed the fact of my misappropriating funds to

Father John Elford, my parish priest, and, in turn, to my superior, Mr. Edward Howard.

Howard is director of the VCPL and Father Elford is pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church here.

Howard said Wednesday the board was "alerted by one of our suppliers" that the phony

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checks were being written. "I was shocked as was everyone else, Howard said of Miss Thomas admissions.

In a prepared statement released Wednesday, Howard said, "the report by the State Board of Accounts indicates that public funds amounting to \$16,360.92 have been misappropriated . . . between October 1973 and April 1975.

"Full settlement of the loss has been made by the library's insurance company, and there is no loss to the taxpayers."

Until 1973, all library accounting was done under contract with the Vigo County School Corp.

Miss Thomas stated, "Commencing in the year 1973, I misappropriated monies of the Vigo County Public Library by periodically writing checks made out to various persons, names and companies and which names were sometimes fictitious and sometimes not, and then endorsing those checks with the name to whom the check was made and cashing

the checks and applying the funds . . . to my personal use.

"It is my intent and desire to make resolution of the monies that I misappropriated."

State auditors said they met with Miss Thomas and her attorney and presented "all questionable claims and warrants."

The report states "Miss Thomas looked at each claim and warrant check presented and observed that although she could not remember all the false claims she had presented to the library board for payment, she assumed she had prepared each item presented."

The auditors reported also that Miss Thomas said no one other than herself was involved in the theft.

Verl Miller, Miss Thomas' attorney, said his client "stands willing but not altogether able to make restitution in one lump sum." He said he is "still negotiating" with the bonding company which repaid the library the entire sum.

Miller said Miss Thomas, who is at present unemployed, "is a lady who has had a very poor childhood."

"Although it was a criminal act, it was not for personal gain," Miller said of Miss Thomas' actions. "It goes way back, back to childhood. It's a shame and pathetic thing. We hope to make complete restitution and avoid prosecution."

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Former VCPL Employee Charged With Forgery

A former business manager of the Vigo County Public Library was formally charged with one count of forgery when she appeared before Master Commissioner Dexter L. Bolin Wednesday in Vigo Circuit Court.

Dorothy M. Thomas, 41, is alleged by her own admission to have diverted more than \$16,000 in library funds to her personal use during a period from 1973 to 1975. Miss Thomas confessed her actions to library officials in May.

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The Library Board of

Trustees requested an audit by the Indiana State Board of Accounts and the report of the examination was made public Sept. 3. The report included a statement by Miss Thomas in which she admitted writing phony checks and cashing them herself.

In the arrest affidavit, Miss Thomas is charged specifically with writing a check for \$177.90 made out to a fictitious name and then cashing it. The check was dated Nov. 18, 1974.

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Bolin released Miss Thomas on her own recognizance and

continued the case to Sept. 24 for arraignment.

Verl G. Miller of the Bauer, Miller & Bauer law firm represents the defendant.

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LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT SURVEY--II

Vigo County Public Library

1. Please check the type of library:
 State University _____ Public X
 University _____ Special _____
 College _____ Other (please specify) _____
2. What year was your library established? 1881
3. What is the size of the population served by your library? 114,528
4. What is the total number of volumes in your library? 354,366
 Books 218,695
 Periodicals Bound vols. 7881, total no. of periodicals 102,880
 U.S. government documents 4490
 Other 28,301 paperbacks uncataloged (plus other forms of information as shown on attached sheet)
5. The number of volumes in your library for the following years:
 1875 _____
 1900 _____
 1925 72,799
 1950 116,288
 1960 123,145
 1970 184,831 cataloged vols., uncat. 18,398
6. How many volumes circulated in 1974? 556,252
7. How many patrons used your library in 1974? Last survey 1973 showed over 300,000 entered VCPL facilities in year, but in 1973 over 25,000 used VCPL by phone, staff
8. Please check the classification system that your library uses. made 121 speeches and performed 1,930 "staff services" both in & out of the VCPL facilities.
 Library of Congress _____
 Dewey X
 Reader Interest _____
 Other (please specify) _____
9. Below is a list of factors influencing library growth. Please rank items in order of importance ("1" being the most important) which you feel have been influential in the development of your library. If any items below do not apply, please mark with a zero (0).
 Population growth 0
 Community interest +2
 Television +4
 U.S. government documents +5
 Sustained financial support +6
 Friends of the library 0
 Trustee interest 7774 +3
 Federal financial support +7
 State financial support -1
 Other (please specify) excellent staff +1
- Note: positive influencing factors are indicated with +, i. e., contributing to growth; negative influences are indicated by -.
10. What percentage of your library's collection are U.S. government documents? 1.2%+
11. How many U.S. government serials are in your library? 20
12. What percentage of your serial titles are U.S. government serials? 5%+
13. Do you have a separate U.S. government documents department? yes X no _____
14. Do you have a U.S. government documents librarian? yes X * no _____ *who also serves on Reference Desk
 If yes, to whom (i.e., the position) does the librarian report? Reference Coordinator
15. Do you include U.S. government documents in your card catalog? yes _____ no _____ some documents X
16. Is a separate catalog for U.S. government documents maintained? yes _____ no X
 If yes: a. Do you have author entries? yes _____ no _____
 b. Title entries? yes _____ no _____
 c. Subject entries? yes _____ no _____
17. What classification system is used for U.S. government documents?
 Library of Congress _____
 Dewey For census materials
 SuDocs _____
 Other (please specify) _____

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18. What classification system do you prefer for U.S. government documents?

Library of Congress _____
Dewey _____
SuDocs X _____
Other (please specify) _____

19. Are the U.S. government documents on open shelves? yes X no _____
a. Is a portion of your U.S. government documents in storage? yes _____ no X
b. If yes, what percentage are in storage? _____
c. If yes to part "a", how quickly can they be retrieved? _____

20. Do U.S. government documents circulate? yes _____ no X (Some by special permission)
If yes: a. How many U.S. government documents were circulated in 1974? _____
b. How many U.S. government documents were not returned in 1974? _____
c. Are missing U.S. titles replaced? yes

We put some gov.docs. in Vertical Files & these do circulate.

21. How many patrons used U.S. government documents in 1974? Have no way of knowing

22. How often do you receive reference questions or requests for materials which you are unable to satisfy with materials in your library? Very often.

23. How do you handle reference questions which you are unable to answer? Send to State Library for information on TWX. We have an excellent Interlibrary Loan system in Ind., which also permits us to send to State Lib. Ref.Dept. for assistance.

24. How often do you refer people to other libraries for materials? Often, as we try to help the patron as much as possible & to extend our services beyond the limitations of our collections.

25. How often do you refer people to other libraries for U.S. government documents?
Very often-

26. To which library(ies) do you most often refer people for U.S. government documents?

Indiana State University

27. Would a larger U.S. government documents collection enable you to improve service to users? Yes
a. If so, to what extent would improvements in service result from a larger U.S. government documents collection? I feel a larger U. S. Govt. documents collection would help improve reference services, whereas now, we have to refer patrons to I.S.U.'s Gov't. Documents area.

Please attach an additional sheet if needed.
Please complete and return to: Helen Q. Schroyer
Documents and Special Collections Librarian
Purdue University Libraries
West Lafayette, Indiana 47907

Prepared by: Jessie Hord
VCPL Reference Librarian
Government Documents
July 16, 1975

Inventory ~~ENDING 1975~~ 3/Dec 75

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North ~~Headings~~ South ~~West~~

VCPL system

Items

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Totals

				MATERIALS					
				1 Art prints	171				
				2 Audiotapes	292				
				3 Books, catalogued					
				4 Books, uncatalogued paperback					
				5 Filmstrips	62				
				6 Games	162				
				7 Kits/Realia	115				
				8 Magazines					
				9 Maps/Charts	263				
				10 Motion picture films 8mm	477				
				11 Motion picture films 16mm*	525				
				12 Newspapers					
				13 Nonbook printed items					
				14 Phonorecords	3,838				
				15 Pictures/Study Prints	56				
				16 Slides	4,662				
				17 Videotapes	30				
				18 Viewmaster reels	382				
				*Persons viewing 16mm films					
				EQUIPMENT					
				1 Audiotape player/recorders	28				
				2 Filmstrip projectors	6				
				3 Motion picture projectors 8mm	15				
				4 Motion picture projectors 16mm	21				
				5 Opaque projectors	1				
				6 Phonorecord players	7				
				7 Projection screens	20				
				8 Public address systems	1				
				9 Slide projectors	11				
				10 Slide viewers	8				
				11 Slide-sound systems	2				
				12 Speech timers	1				
				13 Videotape player/recorders	2				
				14 Viewmasters	38				
				15 Space Scan	1				
				16 Easels	5				
				17 Microform Reader and/or printer	6				
				CITY COUNTY JAIL SERVICE					
				INTERLIBRARY LOANS					
				BOOKS BY MAIL					
				TOTALS					

print copies 1800; microform 93,75

Proposed Funds For Library At \$978,994

Community Affairs File

A proposed 1976 budget of \$978,994 — an increase of nearly 10 per cent from the 1975 figure — will be advertised for the Vigo County Public Library.

Authorization to advertise the figure was granted during a regular session of the Vigo County Library Board Monday evening.

In addition, the board approved the employment of an architectural firm for schematic design for a new library building — a concrete step toward the eventual replacement of the current main library.

In other business, Arch Dunbar, board president, stated that a report from the investigation by the Indiana State Board of Accounts on possible irregularities in library accounts had not yet been received.

The budget that will be advertised for the library would represent a 38.8 cent tax levy if the local assessed valuation remains the same.

Ed Howard, library director, explained that the local library tax rate was frozen at 37 cents in 1973.

He noted, however, that because of increased valuation, which cannot be accurately estimated, the library lost a possible \$21,000 in extra funds in 1974 and \$45,000 in 1975 by not anticipating large enough increases in the assessed valuation.

Howard explained, therefore, that the 1976 budget had been planned to accommodate greater increases in assessed valuation. If the valuation goes up, then the dollar amount budgeted for 1976 would be acceptable and the rate would drop back to the permissible 37 cent level. Should the assessment remain the same, then the budget would be cut back in dollar amount to equal a 37 cent back to 37 cents if the valuation goes up, rather than starting at 37 and going back," Howard commented.

By starting at the 37 cent level in past years, the library was actually only 36 cents in 1974 and 35 cents in 1975.

The budget includes a director's pay increase from \$19,625 to \$22,500 and an assistant director's increase from \$16,749 to \$19,000.

Salaries of assistants increase

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from nearly \$466,700 in 1975 to over \$491,000.

Total personal services funds go from over \$542,000 to over \$574,000.

Contractual services jump from \$51,000 in 1975 to \$56,000, while the supplies budget figure remains the same at \$22,729.

The current charges total rises from 170¢.000 to 211¢.000. Built into that budget area is a jump in the transfer to Improvement Reserve Fund from \$85,000 to \$120,000.

The properties budget would go from \$105,400 to \$114,750.

The grand total 1975 budget was \$891,864 — over \$37,000 less than the 1976 proposal.

Robert M. Miller of Shattuck, Siewert, and Associates, Inc., of Neshah, Wis., was selected by the board to prepare schematics for the proposed new library.

Miller was involved in work on the local library's Proposed Building Statement and he was selected after a review of 17 architectural firms.

The agreement with Miller calls for a fee of \$23,000 for the work done. If Shattuck is the successful architect for the project, the fee for the schematics will be taken off the contract.

"This area came up a number of times with the previous board," noted Dunbar, "but they always felt that it was premature until they found out the legal standing of the board."

He noted that a judgment rendered in a class suit testing the legality of the library had resulted in "the answer to the legal standing." In a June 25 ruling, which was made part of the library board's minutes, determination had been made that the board was legal and that it did have the right to tax on a county-wide basis.

The hiring of Miller represented a concrete step toward the construction of a new main library facility on the former Wiley High School site.

Miller has served as project architect or consultant for libraries for Indiana State University on both the Ter E Haute and Evansville campuses, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and other universities, as well as for public library building programs.

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As noted, Dunbar reported that no report had been received from the State Board of Accounts concerning the recent examination of library accounts.

Earlier this month the library board issued a statement that discoveries had been made in early May that possible irregularities might have resulted from alleged misappropriations by a former library employee.

Library officials have refused to comment further on the incident.

In other business at the Monday evening meeting:

—Howard received a new two-year contract effective July 1 with salary provisions effective Jan. 1, 1976.

—A bid of \$555.55 was accepted for the old Bookmobile from Fred Juris, pending payment.

—Howard explained the "orbita organization" of the library, emphasizing the importance of input from all employees.

—The director reported that the local library had been selected for installation of terminals by the Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority that will aid in book cataloging.

—Betty Martin, assistant director, reported on the recent VOPL staff institute and the review of the Proposed Building Statement.

Present for the session were Dunbar, Mrs. Ethel Bell, Ned Bush, Mrs. Carolyn Henson, Mrs. Rosemary Duweilus, and David Johnston. George Dunkin was absent.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, Aug. 18, at the Main Library, 222 N. 7th St., at 8 p.m.

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Bell, Henson Second Terms Confirmed

JUL 3 1975

By WAYNE PERRY
Tribune Staff Writer

Appointing officials confirmed Wednesday that Mrs. Carolyn Henson and Mrs. Ethel Bell would be reappointed to second terms on the Vigo County Library Board.

The two women were first appointed last July when a new board was formed for the Class I library.

At that time each received a one-year appointment. The reappointments are for four-year terms.

Judge C. Joseph Anderson, Vigo Superior Court, Division III (County Circuit Court), verified Wednesday that he would reappoint Mrs. Bell and that she would be sworn into a second term in his chambers on Thursday, July 10, at 11:30 a.m.

Harry Brentlinger, speaking for the Vigo County Commissioners, also confirmed that Mrs. Henson would be named again. She will take the oath of office at the same time as Mrs. Bell.

Mrs. Henson, 116 N. 36th St., is a past president of the League of Women Voters and has been active in Girl Scout programs. She also served on the Florence Crittenden Board.

She is married to Dr. Jess Henson, animal nutritionist at Commercial Solvents Corporation.

Mrs. Bell, 82 Heritage Drive, is an instructor in the School of Nursing at Indiana State University.

She is the wife of Dr. Iverson Bell, member of the Vigo County School Corporation board of trustees and a Terre Haute veterinarian.

On July 15, 1974, the VCSC board of trustees, which was at that time also serving as the library board, moved for the creation of a Class I library from a Class II facility. The change was made in order to clarify the legal status of the board so that bonding authority could be granted for the construction of a new main library facility.

With the change to a Class I facility, a new appointed library board was necessary.

According to statute, the Vigo County Commissioners were to appoint two members, the judge of the county court was to appoint three members, and the local school board was to appoint three members.

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Although the basic term is for four years, the various appointing agencies were to name members for various term lengths so that a staggered membership would occur.

On July 16, 1974, the commissioners named Mrs. Henson to a one-year term and appointed Arch Dunbar to a two-year term.

On the following day Anderson named Mrs. Bell to a one-year term, Dave Johnston to a two-year term, and Ned Bush Sr. to a three-year term.

The school board, meeting on July 22, 1974, appointed George Dunkin to a three-year term and Mrs. Rosemary Duwelius to a four-year term.

In ceremonies on July 24 four of the seven members (Bush, Johnston, Dunkin, and Mrs. Duwelius) took the oath of office. The other three were sworn in by Anderson on July 29, just prior to the board's organizational meeting.

During that first session Dunbar was selected board president, Dunkin was named vice president, Mrs. Duwelius became secretary, and Johnston was elected treasurer.

Those officers are currently serving the board. Ed Howard, library director, notes that the board will elect new officers during its regular meeting in August.

During the past year the board continued to move toward the clarification of its legal status.

Those efforts apparently came to a climax when Judge Charles K. McCrory, Vigo Superior Court, Division II, recently gave judgment in a class action suit that tested the board's ability to tax county-wide.

McCrory ruled in favor of the defendant (the library board) and stated that the group did have the legal authority to tax throughout Vigo County. That ruling presumably will satisfy the bonding attorney and allow the board to implement its proposed building program when desired.

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TAKE OATH OF OFFICE — Judge C. Joseph Anderson, Division III, Vigo Superior Court, gives the oath of office to reappointed members of the Vigo County Public Library board of trustees, Mrs. Carolyn K. Henson (center), and Mrs. Ethel D. Bell. Both were reappointed to four-year terms. (Photo by Kadel).

Libraries (TH)

Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Henson Named VCPL Trustees

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Judge C. Joseph Anderson, Vigo Superior Court, Div. III, delivered the oath of office to Mrs. Ethel D. Bell and Mrs. Carolyn K. Henson, reappointed members of the board of trustees of the Vigo County Public Library, Thursday shortly before noon.

Mrs. Bell was reappointed to a four-year term by Judge Anderson; and Mrs. Henson to a four-year term by the county commissioners. Both had been named to the board for a 1-year term in July, 1974.

Mrs. Bell is a media coordinator in the School of Nursing, Indiana State University. She holds an M.N. degree from Yale University, and the M.S. degree from ISU. She and her husband Dr. Iverson Bell, reside at 82 Heritage Dr. Dr. Bell is a veterinarian and a member of the Vigo County School Corporation board of trustees.

Mrs. Henson has the B.S. degree in chemistry from Florida State University, and was on the staff of the biochemistry department at Purdue University before moving to Terre Haute. She is a past president of the League of Women Voters, and served on the board of the Florence Crittenton Home. She and her husband, Dr. Jess Henson, reside at 116 N. 36th St. Dr. Henson is an animal nutritionist at Commercial Solvents Corp.

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Come now the parties by their respective counsel herein, and Count I of plaintiffs' Complaint having heretofore been dismissed by Order of this Court, and this cause being now at issue upon Count II of plaintiffs' Complaint and defendants' Answers thereto heretofore filed, and each of the parties now move that this cause be submitted to trial by the Court, trial by jury being expressly waived by all parties, and each party requests the Court to find the facts specially and to state its conclusions of law thereon, which motion and request are now sustained by the Court and this cause is now submitted to the Court for trial, findings, judgment and decree.

The Court having heard evidence and the arguments of counsel and being duly advised in the premises, now makes its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as follows, to-wit:

SPECIAL FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The plaintiffs are the class of all residents of and owners of taxable property located in Vigo County, Indiana, who are thereby citizens or taxpayers of the public and municipal corporation known as the "Vigo County Public Library", and due notice of this action has been given to all members of the class in accordance with the prior Order of this Court heretofore entered.

2. The defendants, Ethel D. Bell, Ned A. Bush, Sr., Arch R. Dunbar, George E. Dunkin, Rosemary K. Duwelius, Carolyn K. Henson and David L. Johnston, are the duly appointed members of the Library Board of Trustees of defendant, Vigo County Public Library, a public and municipal corporation.

3. Before the turn of the last century, the Terre Haute City School Board established a free public library in the City of Terre Haute, County of Vigo, State of Indiana, and taxes were levied on the taxable property in said City for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a free public library.

4. In the first decade of the 1900's, the free public library in connection with the common schools of the City of Terre Haute, became known as the "Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library", and said library from its inception until August 3, 1953, was governed and operated by the Terre Haute City School Board, and taxes for library purposes were levied on the taxable property located in the corporate limits of the City of Terre Haute.

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6. That pursuant to the so-called "School Corporation Reorganization Act of 1959", all public school districts located in Vigo County, Indiana, including the Terre Haute city's school district, reorganized into a consolidated county-wide school corporation with territorial limits extending to the boundaries of Vigo County, Indiana, and the governing board of said reorganized school corporation became known as the "Board of Trustees of the Vigo County School Corporation", and said Board of Trustees commenced the administration and operation of the Vigo County School Corporation on or about January 1, 1961.

7. Subsequent to said school reorganization, the free public library system theretofore administered and operated by the City of Terre Haute School Board, was administered and operated by the said Board of Trustees of the Vigo County School Corporation, and commencing in 1961, and continuing thereafter for every year to and including 1974, upon notice validly given, taxes for library purposes were levied by said Board of Trustees of the Vigo County School Corporation on all taxable property located within Vigo County, including property outside of the corporate limits of the City of Terre Haute.

8. That on or about July 15, 1974, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of School Trustees of the Vigo County School Corporation, then operating a said Class II public library, to convert to a Class I public library, pursuant to the provisions of the "Public Library Law of 1947" as thereafter amended and supplemented, which resolution established the defendant, the "Vigo County Public Library" as a Class I library, and which resolution specified and described Vigo County, Indiana, as the territorial limits of the library district of said Class I library; a copy of said resolution of conversion was duly recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Vigo County, on or about July 17, 1974, less than five (5) days after said resolution was adopted, and a copy thereof was filed with the Indiana State Library within five (5) days of its adoption.

9. Thereafter on or about August 5, 1974, the newly appointed members of the Library Board of said "Vigo County Public Library" directed the advertising of the total operating budget for 1975, proposing a levy of taxes therefor against all taxable property located in Vigo County, Indiana, and said proposed budget was duly advertised as required by law, and thereafter on or about August 26, 1974, the members of the Library Board of said Vigo County Public Library at a public hearing held for consideration of said operating budget for 1975, passed a resolution accepting said 1975 operating budget proposing the levying of taxes against all taxable property located in Vigo County, Indiana.

10. Certificate of the Auditor of Vigo County, Indiana, Frank G. Walker, has been filed with this Court disclosing that taxes for library purposes has been levied against all taxable property located in Vigo County, Indiana, from the year 1961 and every year thereafter to and including 1974, and the facts and figures contained in said Certificate of the Auditor of Vigo County are true in every respect.

11. No legal process was instituted during that period from 1961 to and including 1974 testing or questioning the right, power or authority to levy taxes for library purposes against all taxable property located in Vigo County, Indiana.

12. No citizen or taxpayer of Vigo County, Indiana, appeared to protest the proposed levying of taxes against all property located in Vigo County, Indiana, by Defendant, the Vigo County Public Library, at its public hearing held on August 26, 1974, for consideration of the proposed operating budget of said library district for 1975, and no citizen or taxpayer of said library district notified the Library Board thereof or any individual Trustee defendant of any objections to said proposed budget to be funded by a tax levy on all taxable property located in Vigo County, Indiana.

13. The Vigo County Public Library, Defendant herein, and its predecessor operated and administered by the Board of Trustees of the Vigo County School Corporation has been administered and operated as a county-wide library since 1961 and thereafter without objection from the citizens and taxpayers of Vigo County, Indiana.

14. Since 1961 and thereafter to date, the Vigo County Public Library, Defendant herein, as well as the predecessor library district administered by said Board of Trustees of the Vigo County School Corporation, has been and is continuing to provide valuable library services to all citizens and taxpayers of Vigo County, Indiana, both without and within the corporate limits of the City of Terre Haute and residing in Vigo County outside of said City, said library services being provided for the benefit and use of individuals and groups located throughout Vigo County, in the meeting of their educational, informational and recreational interests and needs, including but not limited to the following library services, among others:

(a) Dissemination of knowledge and satisfaction of recreational interests by providing reference services, books, audio-visual materials and library materials at library facility sites and loaning said materials to (at the present time) over 30,000

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15. The citizens of Vigo County, Indiana, have utilized and accepted the services rendered on a county-wide basis since 1961 to date.

16. Defendant, the Vigo County Public Library, as well as its predecessor library district, has relied and does rely upon the foregoing in providing said library services and to continue to provide said library services on a county-wide basis and in proposing to continue levying taxes for library purposes on all taxable property located in Vigo County, Indiana.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Defendant, the Vigo County Public Library, acting by and through its Library Board of Trustees, is a de jure public and municipal corporation validly established and legally existing under and by virtue of the "Public Library Law of 1947", with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties provided for under said "Public Library Law of 1947".

2. The territorial limits of the library district of the said Vigo County Public Library are coextensive and coterminous with the boundaries of Vigo County, Indiana.

3. The Library Board of Trustees of the Vigo County Public Library has been, and is now, legally constituted as the governing body of the Vigo County Public Library and is a de jure Library Board with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties provided for under said "Public Library Law of 1947".

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5. The conversion resolutions and tax levies for library purposes hereinbefore referred to are legal and valid enactments of the respective governmental Boards adopting the same.

6. Plaintiffs and each of them are estopped from asserting that a county-wide library district does not validly and legally exist with full rights, powers and authority in the name of the Vigo County Public Library to operate and administer a library district and to levy taxes for library purposes against all of the taxable property located in Vigo County, Indiana.

7. The law is with the Defendants and each of them, and against the Plaintiffs and each of them, and judgment should be rendered accordingly.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Plaintiffs take nothing in this cause, that the prayer of Plaintiffs for injunction and other relief in the premises is hereby denied, and that the Defendants recover their costs herein.

Dated this 25th day of June, 1975.



Judge of Superior Court of Vigo
County, Division II

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(e) Providing various charitable as well as business groups and organizations located throughout Vigo County, both within and outside the corporate limits of the City of Terre Haute, on a temporary basis with library film, projection equipment, audio-visual materials, meeting rooms and reference materials.

(f) Providing so-called "Book by Mail" services to citizens throughout Vigo County, many of whom reside outside of the corporate limits of the City of Terre Haute.

(g) Mailing informational brochures, pamphlets, leaflets, and materials to citizens throughout Vigo County, many of whom reside outside of the corporate limits of the City of Terre Haute.

15. The citizens of Vigo County, Indiana, have utilized and accepted the services rendered on a county-wide basis since 1961 to date.

16. Defendant, the Vigo County Public Library, as well as its predecessor library district, has relied and does rely upon the foregoing in providing said library services and to continue to provide said library services on a county-wide basis and in proposing to continue levying taxes for library purposes on all taxable property located in Vigo County, Indiana.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Defendant, the Vigo County Public Library, acting by and through its Library Board of Trustees, is a de jure public and municipal corporation validly established and legally existing under and by virtue of the "Public Library Law of 1947", with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties provided for under said "Public Library Law of 1947".
2. The territorial limits of the library district of the said Vigo County Public Library are coextensive and coterminous with the boundaries of Vigo County, Indiana.
3. The Library Board of Trustees of the Vigo County Public Library has been, and is now, legally constituted as the governing body of the Vigo County Public Library and is a de jure Library Board with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties provided for under said "Public Library Law of 1947".
4. The Library Board of Trustees of the Vigo County Public Library has the legal power and authority to levy taxes for library purposes against all taxable property located in Vigo County, Indiana, whether located within or outside of the corporate limits of the City of Terre Haute, and has the power and authority to administer and operate a public library on a county-wide basis and to do all other things authorized by the Public Library Law of 1947 as amended or supplemented from time to time as a county-wide library district.
5. The conversion resolutions and tax levies for library purposes hereinbefore referred to are legal and valid enactments of the respective governmental Boards adopting the same.
6. Plaintiffs and each of them are estopped from asserting that a county-wide library district does not validly and legally exist with full rights, powers and authority in the name of the Vigo County Public Library to operate and administer a library district and to levy taxes for library purposes against all of the taxable property located in Vigo County, Indiana.
7. The law is with the Defendants and each of them, and against the Plaintiffs and each of them, and judgment should be rendered accordingly.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Plaintiffs take nothing in this cause, that the prayer of Plaintiffs for injunction and other relief in the premises is hereby denied, and that the Defendants recover their costs herein.

Dated this 25th day of June, 1975.



Judge of Superior Court of Vigo
County, Division II

Modern Look At Library Functions —

Today's Libraries Are Fast Becoming Known As Information Centers: Howard

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By DAVE COX
Star Staff Writer

"Libraries are not made; they grow."

—Augustine Birrell (1850-1933)

When was the last time you sat back and really thought about what your library does for you?

It's not a bleak stone structure with four gray walls and dreary atmosphere. It isn't a place used to house scholarly

essays or materials designed to meet needs of intellectuals only. Quite the contrary.

Today's libraries are fast becoming known as information centers, or, if you like, working units for patrons. Vigo County Public Library Director Ed Howard says each library must strive to maintain that image and make a concentrated effort to fulfill a community's changing needs.

In an interview with The Star, Howard took time from a busy schedule to formulate what could be called a modern look at library functions. He feels some persons have a misconception about the purpose of a library, thus the institution can not fulfill community needs to the best of its ability. Howard strongly feels libraries should make an unaborted effort to touch the lives of its supporters—the taxpayers.

"It's hard for librarians to accept that things we do inside really don't count unless some direct contact is made with somebody outside the system," Howard explained.

Howard mentioned several types of public contact. "A person goes to the library and receives something, uses the facilities in some way. Another form, the staff sends something out or, occasionally, goes out."

Public contact is important to Howard and the library staff.

"We make adjustments from feedback. We like to provide people what they want, not what we think they should have. We try to get the most for our tax dollars."

Tax dollars, from local citizens, supplies almost all input into the library. "Input into a library can be compared with a number of things," Howard used a common toaster as an example.

"A toaster is plugged in and receives input in the form of electricity and the output is in the form of toast. If the setting is right you get the kind of toast that pleases you. You get exactly what you want."

"Input into a library as an information system comes principally from tax dollars—public funds. We differ from other tax-supported programs. We get no state support and no federal support, or revenue sharing. It comes almost entirely from local citizens. We use the input to produce output

in the best interest of the community, achieve, in the eyes of the taxpayer, the greatest possible benefit."

VCPL differs from most libraries in one respect, Howard said. "We deemphasize print forms and look at the total spectrum—paintings, slides, cassette tapes, films and microfilm. Even more dramatic than that is the awareness that a user can't use these if he or she doesn't have the equipment to go with it. We have some equipment for use."

Howard said the local staff is constantly on the prowl for specialized data to keep with up-to-date trends and modern ideas. "We try to determine major areas of concern, highest priority problems," Howard noted. One example cited by the local director was the effort put forth by Group Services to obtain information designed to give persons a thorough knowledge of drug problems. "We tried to help people un-

derstand a very, very complex problem, a highly specialized area."

Another technical area Howard pointed to is crime. "We ask ourselves, 'What is this system doing to promote an understanding of crime and resolve it in this community?'" Howard added, "If we can help another organization achieve its goals, its purposes, then our output is magnified a thousand-fold."

"Citizens feel a real need for an understanding of things that effect everyday life," Howard said. He pointed to unemployment, drugs, crime, family life structure and consumer education as key topics.

"We have to create an awareness of the value and enjoyment of library services," he said. Two ways of measuring performance are customer satisfaction and public opinion and the challenge to see if an increase of output can be realized with the same number

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of dollars. Howard said there is no on-going research in the area of customer satisfaction because of broad areas involved, but "we try to gauge it by comments people make." The local institution details monthly reports in certain areas to use as guidelines.

"Maybe someday we'll have a community information network where major organizations that deal with information will record all types of information," Howard wished.

He continued, "This community is library conscious. Our library has developed into ~~one~~ with a considerable ~~national~~ reputation, one I'm very proud to be associated with. Many families in this community have one or both parents connected with education. They are apt to better support or use a library as a family.

"Our image should change with the new library to better emphasize our programs."

VCPL Mediamobile Provides Both Knowledge And Pleasure

By DAVE COX
Star Staff Writer

Frontier peddlers made their livelihood by traveling from place to place selling their wares. They displayed a sundry of items for persons to examine on the wagon they wheeled into town.

Some of that American heritage is relived almost daily when the Vigo County Public Library Mediamobile makes stops along a well-planned route throughout the county. The big seven-and-a-half-ton truck displays items of interest to persons who don't have the opportunity to visit regular libraries.

Just as frontiersmen and women scurried to the peddler's wagon for their needs, library patrons scramble to the Mediamobile when it journeys to Vigo County rural areas and other neighborhood service centers.

The analogy between the Mediamobile and frontier peddlers isn't meant to be derogatory, rather complimentary. The truck, loaded with records, books, films, cassettes and other available items, hardly pulls to a stop at a charted location before patrons climb aboard to look for items to satisfy curiosity or enhance knowledge.

The Mediamobile, with a staff of librarian Mrs. Betty Dodson, driver Kenny Smith and media technician Ms. Karen Bock, recently made its bi-weekly trip to Prairie Creek and Youngstown Manor and patrons were anxiously waiting for the visit.

Mrs. Grace Piety of Prairie Creek, now unable to make her way to the Mediamobile when it parks in the business district because of an injury, doesn't have to go without its services. On the way to its usual stop the Mediamobile travels by Mrs. Piety's home and leaves

large-print books with her. "People sure are interested in it," she said about the Mediamobile program. She said she likes love stories and looks forward to receiving new ones each trip.

Mrs. Piety had a chance to return a good deed to the library staff. Two weeks ago the Mediamobile had to cancel a scheduled trip because of bad weather. Mrs. Dodson and her staff contacted Mrs. Piety and the Prairie Creek senior citizen telephoned friends and neighbors to inform them the portable library wouldn't attempt the journey. It was evident patrons missed the chance to browse through materials.

"It's so nice for them to bring books to me. I appreciate it very much," Mrs. Helen Liston said. "I've never heard any complaints about service or anything. It's a mighty nice thing to have. The only disappointment I have is not getting the chance to read as much as I would like." Her latter statement was echoed by nearly everyone quizzed by The Star.

Mrs. Barbara Myers said she visits the Mediamobile "about every time it comes" to Prairie Creek. She said she doesn't get a chance to visit libraries very often.

Mrs. Alegra Hunt is another satisfied customer. "I was visiting at a neighbor's house and I said 'I think that was the library that went by,'" she explained as she dumped an armload of books on the counter. "And I know they want me to come back."

Mrs. Hunt added, "I don't read for knowledge. I read for pasttime. My husband passed away last July and I'm retired. It's (the Mediamobile) has been a God-send for me."

Attitudes toward the Mediamobile at Youngstown Manor were the same. "We're

very privileged to have this. It's something that shouldn't be taken for granted. We've never lived where a library brought books to us before," explained Mrs. Joan Pluta whose sons frequent the Mediamobile regularly.

The program has been a big investment for the VCPL, but staff members feel it has been worthwhile.

Mrs. Dodson is in charge of aiding patrons when they have trouble finding something or advising them what to look for when they are after information about a certain subject.

Ms. Bock checks books out and is in charge of taking reservations for popular books.

"I enjoy getting books for people. They really appreciate it," she said. "We have a lot of requests every time we go out for best sellers or something people have heard about. If I make a mistake they don't make a big deal about it."

And Smith is the engineer. He handles books and other items returned to the Mediamobile by patrons and drives the rig, which was purchased last year for nearly \$35,000.

Not only does the Mediamobile visit rural areas, but it also travels to lesser privileged or somewhat isolated areas within Terre Haute city limits. Various community agencies obtain books from the Mediamobile. Staff personnel regularly prepare a list of stopping points and specific dates and times. A copy of the schedule may be obtained at the library.

Mrs. Dodson emphasized the point that the Mediamobile doesn't carry only books. Also available is viewmaster slides, games, records, cassette tapes, paperback novels and numerous other items. The Mediamobile staff has also been known to show a film to as many as 50 youngsters inside the truck.

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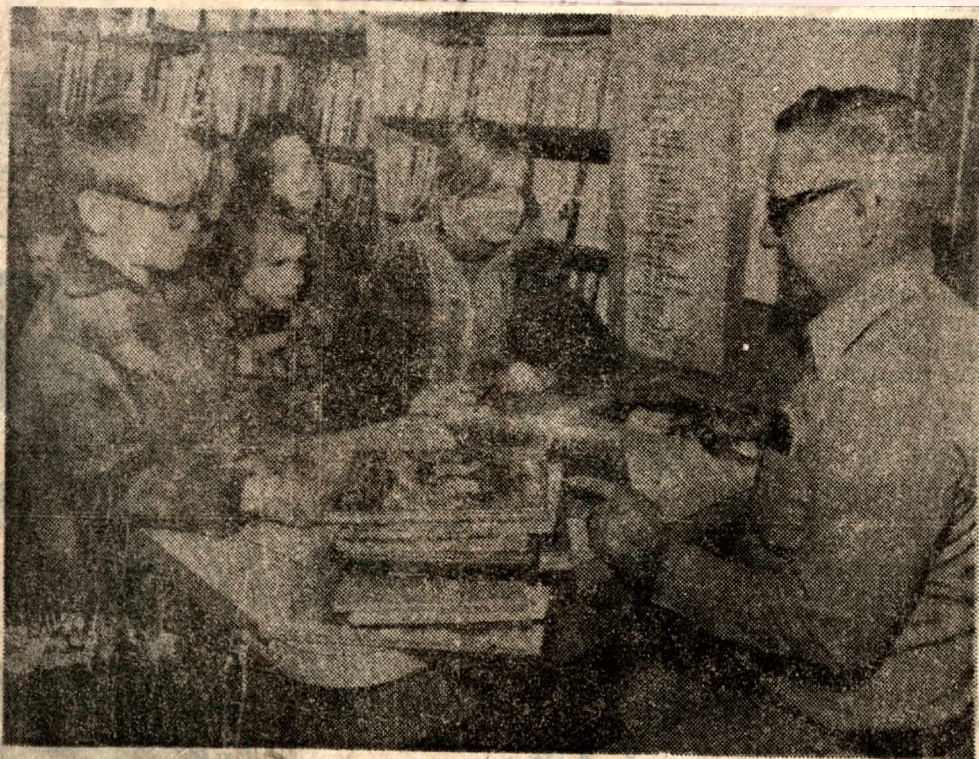
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OFFERING WELCOME ADVICE — Vigo County Public Library Mediamobile Librarian Mrs. Betty Dodson is kept busy by patrons young and old alike at all stops along the Mediamobile route. The truck, which offers numerous items in addition to its traditional book lending services, tours various isolated and underprivileged areas in the county and numerous neighborhood centers in Terre Haute. (Photo by Kadel)

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RETURNING BORROWED ITEMS — A flock of youngsters returned borrowed books and other items they obtained at the Vigo County Public Library Mediamobile on a trip to Youngstown Manor. Driver Kenny Smith checks in returned books and Dirk DeWitt, Charlene DeWitt, Lori Watkins and Colleen DeWitt kept him plenty busy (Photo by Kadel)

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RUSSIAN ENCYCLOPEDIAS — The first nine volumes of a 30-volume set of the "Great Soviet Encyclopedia" in English have been received for processing by the Vigo County Public Library. The complete set was presented by George Foulkes, WAAC Radio president and general manager. Publication of the English translation of the Russian language is being done on a five-volume per year basis. At the presentation were, from left, Burch Harlan, Vigo county farmer and community leader who has visited the Soviet Union; Arch Dunbar, VCPL board president; Foulkes, and Ed Howard, VCPL director.

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Vigo Library Given Soviet Encyclopedia

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Vigo County Public Library Director Edward N. Howard announced Thursday the library has received nine volumes of the 30-volume "Great Soviet Encyclopedia." The volumes are currently being processed for use by VCPL patrons.

The complete set, written in English, has been given to VCPL in behalf of WAAC radio by station president and general manager George Foulkes.

Publication of the English translation of the Russian language "Bol'shaia Sovetskaia Entsiklopediia" by Macmillan Publishing Company is being done on a five-volume-per-year basis. Howard said the WAAC gift includes automatic shipment to VCPL of all volumes as they are published, including indexes for each five volumes.

The "Great Soviet Encyclopedia" has been described by The New York Times as "an outstanding project that allows the non-Russian reader access for the first time to a vast amount of material on the Soviet Union, its peoples, institutions and philosophy." It is the major reference work in the Soviet Union, covering current developments in Soviet science, military affairs, social

sciences, technology, trade, agriculture and other areas.

Examining the work from a community viewpoint at the time of presentation, Burch Harlan, Vigo County farmer and community leader who has visited the Soviet Union, said, "The major value of the encyclopedia is that it reflects the Soviet views. It is a primary source from which readers can gain an understanding of the current thinking and the culture of the Soviet Union."

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Library Board to Detail Budget

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By WAYNE PERRY
Tribune Staff Writer

Permission to advertise the 1977 budget for the Vigo County Public Library will be considered by the library board during its Monday evening session, July 19.

The session will mark the first public release of budget information for the library system for next year.

In addition, the library director's report is expected to include notification to the board and public that two library trustees, Arch R. Dunbar and David L. Johnston, have been sworn into second terms by Judge C. Joseph Anderson, Vigo Circuit Court.

Dunbar and Johnston were recently re-appointed to full terms and were administered the oath of office on Friday, July 9.

Consideration of a request to advertise the 1977 budget will be discussed under new business by the library board.

The 1976 budget for the VCPL system is \$978,904. The budgetary limit for the library system is determined by a frozen maximum tax rate of 37 cents per hundred assessed valuation.

The 1975 budget for the public library was \$801,884, while the 1974 figure was \$642,388.

If the percentage of annual increase continues at between the 5.9 per cent from 1974 to 1975 or the 9.8 per cent from 1975 to 1976, the advertised budget for 1977 would be between \$1,008,000 and \$1,075,080.

However, it is difficult to speculate on what budgetary suggestions will be made by the library administration.

Following the authorization to advertise the budget, the library trustees will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 1977 funding figure in August.

Then the budget will presumably be adopted.

As part of the director's report note will probably be made of the reappointment of Dunbar and Johnston.

Dunbar, president of the library board and president of Wabash Fort Harrison Savings and Loan Association, had been appointed to a two-year term on the board by the Vigo County Commissioners in July of 1974 when the new Class I library was formed.

His re-appointment for a full four-year term was again made by the Commissioners.

Johnston, treasurer of the library board and assistant vice president of the Terre Haute First National Bank, had also been appointed to a two-year term in 1974.

His original appointment and his re-appointment to a full four-year term was by Judge Anderson.

Other business during the scheduled library board meeting, which will begin at 8 p.m. at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library Building, 222 N 7th St., includes consideration of renewal of the Southland Branch Library lease and action on the renewal of the library treasurer's public official bond.

The Monday night meeting is the last for the library board before the Aug. 16 session when officers will be elected for the 1976-77 year.

Library to Request \$1 Million Budget

By WAYNE PERRY
Tribune Staff Writer

For the first time in its history the Vigo County Public Library will advertise for an operating budget of more than \$1 million.

Approval to advertise the 1977 budget, which totals \$1,019,594, was given unanimously by the Vigo County Library Board Monday evening.

A public hearing on the budget was set for Monday, Aug. 16. Officers of the library board for 1976-77 will also be chosen during that session.

The 1977 budget proposal represents a 4.1 per cent increase over the \$978,994 library operating cost for 1976.

The actual percentage increase is smaller than the 5.9 per cent jump from 1974 to 1975 and the 9.8 per cent rise from 1975 to 1976.

According to Mrs. Betty Martin, VCPL assistant director who presented the budget in the absence of VCPL Director Ed Howard, the total operating budget figure should approximate the 37 cent frozen tax levy per hundred dollar assessed valuation under which the library must operate.

The library budget is divided into five areas—services personal, services contractual, supplies, current charges and properties.

The 1977 budget proposal for services personal, which includes most salaries, totals \$624,705 and is 8.8 per cent higher than last year.

Most staff salaries will increase seven per cent under the proposal and the hourly wage for part-time workers will go from \$2.20 to \$2.30.

Services contractual, which includes most fixed costs such as utilities, repairs, transportation and printing, totals \$60,964 for 1976, an increase over last year of 8.1 per cent.

The third area, supplies, has \$28,129 budgeted or 23.8 per cent more than last year.

Mrs. Martin noted that the increase was largely a result of increased costs for paper and other materials.

The current charges area of the budget for 1977 totaled \$137,232—down 34.9 per cent from last year.

The dramatic drop in that area was caused by a decrease in the transfer to Improvement Reserve Fund from a 1976 figure of \$120,000 to a proposed 1977 figure of \$32,500.

Mrs. Martin said the decrease was possible because of the building program that the library is undertaking and the resulting decline in the need for capital expenditures out of the operating budget.

The final budget area, properties, shows a 46.9 per cent increase over last year to \$168,564 for 1977.

The major increases in that area are for equipment (up from \$11,500 to \$44,344) and library materials (up from \$102,850 to \$168,564).

Attached as a separate item to the budget is debt payment for bonds, showing \$387,949 payable for June and December, 1977, and \$88,482 payable for June, 1978. The total bond and redemption fund represents an estimated 21 cent levy.

In other business at the Monday evening meeting:

—The trustees approved the renewal of a lease for the Southland Branch Library with the Washington Avenue Building Corporation. The five-year lease calls for a rental of \$700 per month on the property for the first three years and \$750 per month for the next two years.

—The library treasurer's public official bond was renewed and increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Action was also taken to have the bond renewable as of Sept. 1 each year instead of July 1.

—Mrs. Martin reported that the State Board of Tax Commissioners approved on July 8 an additional appropriation for the library of \$22,080 in state funds.

—The director's report also included notification of the reappointment of two board members—Arch Dunbar and David Johnston. Both men's terms will expire in 1980.

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MILLION-DOLLAR BUDGET PROPOSED — The Vigo County Library Board approved Monday night the advertising of a budget in excess of \$1 million for 1977. Reviewing the proposal are Mrs. Betty Martin, Vigo County Public Library assistant director; Arch Dunbar, library board president; and David Johnston, library treasurer. Both Dunbar and Johnston were recently reappointed for four-year terms on the library board.

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Vigo Bookmobile Conference Hit

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When the Vigo County Public Library staff participated in the American Library Association's Centennial Conference recently in Chicago, the "biggest hit" at the event was the VCPL Mediamobile, according to Library Director Ed Howard.

Howard, who served as a team leader for four sessions during the ALA conference in late July, notes that 17 staff members of the local library system attended some part of the conference, which attracted over 12,000 librarians from throughout the nation.

"One of the biggest things that impressed me," Howard noted, "was the hit that our Mediamobile was during the Bookmobile Round-Up on July 21 at Grant Park."

Only 10 "bookmobiles" participated in the event, with most of those from the immediate Chicago area.

Terre Haute's entry in the round-up came from the farthest distance and was reportedly the most popular.

Betty Dodson, Mediamobile librarian, notes that "somewhere near 1,000 ALA members and families visited our Mediamobile" during the few hours that it was open on July 21.

She adds:

"Visitors liked the lightness and brightness of the interior of our vehicle. They liked the storage cabinets for screens and other equipment, the (special) window feature, the pull-up steps, and, of course, the mobile phone."

"We heard comments that ours was the nicest, that ours was the one most wanted to model after. One man insisted

that we must have put on all new materials just for the event.

"Although we were to have left . . . at 5:30 (p.m.), we could not pull away because of the number of interested viewers. Many jotted down notes rapidly as we gave our information. I am sure librarians from all over the country got ideas for upgrading existing bookmobiles or for planning new ones. Yes, once more the Vigo County Public Library scored a hit."

Karen Bock, Mediamobile technician, and Kenneth Smith, driver for the vehicle, also assisted during the ALA conference.

The Mediamobile operates on regular stops throughout the county four days each week and uses the fifth weekday to exchange materials at other institutions in the community.

The vehicle carries audio tapes, books (including paperbacks), filmstrips, games, magazines, 8 mm film, 16 mm film, records, prints, slides, ViewMaster slides, projectors, tape players, tape recorders, record players, screens and videotape equipment.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF TAX LEVIES

In the Matter of Determining the Tax Rates for certain Purposes by the Library Board of Vigo County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Vigo County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of said municipality, at their regular meeting place, on the 16th day of August, 1976, will consider the following budget:

BUDGET CLASSIFICATION

LIBRARY OPERATING FUND

1. Service Personal	\$ 824,705
2. Services Contractual	60,964
3. Supplies	28,129
4. Materials	—
5. Current Charges	137,232
6. Current Obligations	—
7. Properties	168,564
8. Debt Payment	—

Total Library Operating Fund: \$1,019,594

BOND AND INTEREST REDEMPTION FUND

6. Current Obligations	—
8. Debt Payment	\$ 387,949
Total Bond and Interest Redemption Fund	\$ 387,949

ESTIMATE OF FUNDS TO BE RAISED FUNDS REQUIRED FOR EXPENSES TO DEC. 31 OF INCOMING YEAR

	Library Operating Fund	Bond and Interest Redemption Fund
1. Total budget estimate for incoming year, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1977, inclusive	\$1,019,594	\$ 387,949
2. Necessary expenditures, July 1 to Dec. 31 of present year, to be made from appropriations unexpended	561,238	—
3. Additional appropriations to be made July 1 to Dec. 31 of present year	22,080	—
4. Outstanding temporary loans to be paid before Dec. 31 of present year (Not included in lines 2 or 3)	—	—
5. Total Funds Required (Add Lines 1, 2, 3, and 4)	\$1,602,912	\$ 387,949
FUNDS ON HAND AND TO BE RECEIVED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN PROPOSED TAX LEVY		
6. Actual balance, June 30th of present year	237,938	11,770
7. Taxes to be collected, present year (Dec. Settlement)	399,553	—
8. Miscellaneous revenue to be received July 1 of present year to Dec. 31 of incoming year—Schedules on file		
a. Special taxes	122,974	—
b. All other revenue	26,970	—
9. Total Funds (Add Lines 6, 7, 8a, and 8b)	787,435	—
10. NET AMOUNT REQUIRED TO BE RAISED FOR EXPENSE TO DEC. 31 OF INCOMING YEAR (Deduct line 9 from line 5)	815,477	376,179
11. Operating Balance (Not in excess of expenses from Jan. 1 to June 30, less misc. revenue for same period)	74,447	88,487
12. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX LEVY (Add lines 10 and 11)	\$ 889,924	\$ 464,661

PROPOSED LEVIES

Net Taxable Property		\$240,516,210
FUNDS	Levy on Property	Amount to Be Raised
Library Operating	37	889,924
Bond and Interest Redemption	20	464,661
Total	57	\$1,354,585

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF TAXES COLLECTED AND TO BE COLLECTED

(Tabulate below amount to be collected in present year amounts collected in each of the previous three years.)

FUNDS	1975	1976	To BE Collected
Library Operating	\$764,922	\$765,762	\$781,732
			\$849,890

Taxpayers appearing shall have a right to be heard thereon. After the tax levies have been determined, and presented to the county auditor not later than two days prior to the second Monday in September, and the levy fixed by the county tax adjustment board, or on their failure so to do, by the county auditor, ten or more taxpayers feeling themselves aggrieved by such levies, may appeal to the state board of tax commissioners for further and final hearing thereon by filing of petition with the county auditor on or before the fourth Monday of September or on or before the tenth day after publication by the county auditor of tax rate charged, whichever date is later, and the state board will fix a date for hearing in this county.

Dated this 19th day of July, 1976.

ARCH R. DUNBAR,
President of Library Board
ROSEMARY K. DUWELIUS,
Secretary of Library Board
DAVID L. JOHNSTON,
Treasurer of Library Board

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Proposed VCPL Budget *Libraries (TH) - VCPL* Approved By Trustees

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By DAVID H. COX
Star Staff Writer

A \$1 million proposed operation budget for 1977 for the Vigo County Public Library received the approval of the VCPL Board of Trustees at Monday night's regular meeting.

The new budget of \$1,019,594 is an increase of \$40,600 over the 1976 figure, a 4.1 per cent hike. The 1977 budget is based on a frozen 37-cent tax rate and an assessed valuation of \$239 million.

The Library Improvement Reserve Fund will show a significant decrease since the public library obtained a general obligation bond to construct a new library. Some movable equipment will be purchased with money from the new budget so when the move to the library comes, equipment may be transferred from the old building. The new structure is proposed for completion in February, 1978.

In other action by the board, approval was given to purchase land adjacent to the west of the West Terre Haute branch library. The site will be used for a parking lot.

Cost of the project will run about \$22,000. Price of the property has been established at \$17,000 and VCPL Director Edward N Howard told the board demolition and resurfacing would run about \$5,000. Funds for the project, which would provide about 20 parking spaces, will come from a grant from the state.

Howard told the board the upstairs meeting room at the West Terre Haute branch was used 248 times last year by

nearly 3,000 people. He said the estimated average group size was 18.

Board Treasurer David Johnston said it was the only public meeting place at West Terre Haute and the purchase of the property would enhance the value of the library's original site.

Board President Arch R. Dunbar appointed a committee of Johnston, Howard, attorney Guille Cox and board member George Duncan to study demolition and resurfacing plans for the site. Dunbar appointed himself, Howard and Cox to another committee to work on the transfer of property.

The annual election of board officers took place during the session. Dunbar was reelected president after being nominated by Ned Bush; Mrs. Ethel Bell was reelected vice president, Mrs. Rosemary Duwelius was reelected secretary and Johnston was reelected treasurer. Bush praised board officers for their leadership through the past two years.

Cox received a renewed agreement as the board's attorney.

The board granted approval to use signature facsimilies on all documents at Merchants National Bank and passed a resolution calling for the use of a safety deposit box at Terre Haute First National Bank.

Director Howard highlighted progress made toward construction of a new library. He said everything was proceeding on schedule and scaled blueprints would soon be available at all libraries for public scrutiny.

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**Vigo Library Awarded
Centennial Certificate**

A special centennial certificate has been awarded to the Vigo County Public Library for its early and continuous use of the Dewey Decimal Classification, according to Alice Wert, coordinator of technical services

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awarded to the local agency by the Forest Press Division of the Lake Placid Education Foundation.

According to Mrs. Wert, during the 100 years since its creation, the Dewey Decimal Classification has been a major factor in the development of libraries in the United States and throughout the world. In celebration of the 100th birthday of the DDC, Forest Press, publisher of the classification, is presenting centennial certificates to libraries which adopted the DDC in the 19th century and are still using the system.

VCPL has been using the system since 12897 1897. Professor Arthur Cunningham, Indiana State University librarian, directed the installation of the Dewey system at the Terre Haute Public Library then located at 119 N. 8th St.

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ALA Official Visits Vigo Library

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BY ELIZABETH CIANCONE
Star Staff Writer

Peggy Barber, director of the Public Information Office for the American Library Association, "got out of the office" Monday to see the Vigo County Public Library and how it works.

Miss Barber pointed out that a great deal of her work concerns speaking to librarians and library-centered groups concerning community relationships, and she added that the Vigo County Library provided an excellent example of how the association between a community and its library should work.

"The Vigo County Library not only excels in providing services to groups, but is, itself, actively involved in the groups," she noted. "The new building is exciting, but I am especially interested in the fact that they are able to provide excellent services from an outdated facility."

Much of Miss Barber's efforts are directed toward overcoming the public's outdated image of libraries and librarians. "The library is no longer a musty warehouse of books," she said. "We recognize that information is packaged in many ways, and most libraries now circulate films and film strips, records, tapes, periodicals and pamphlets in addition to books, but books remain our basic service," she concluded.

In an effort to make libraries "less boring" in their image, the ALA Public Information Office makes use of spots on radio and TV as well as paid advertisements in magazines and newspapers. The information drive is in-

tended to acquaint the public with the services they can expect from the public library.

Miss Barber certainly destroys the traditional image of the spinster librarian with her hair in a bun, crepe-soled sneakers and a no-noise policy. The new image is one of communication, so much so that some libraries now maintain solitude rooms where the patron can sit in comfortable surroundings in the quiet traditionally associated with libraries.

Yes, funding is a problem with libraries, Miss Barber admitted. Major urban libraries are facing severe budget problems. Library use is increasing, calling for additional facilities and personnel, at the same time that costs are rising for everything from magazine subscriptions and postal rates to staff salaries, and the income is either stationary or on the way down as taxing agencies seek budget cuts.

More and more libraries are looking to the Federal Government for funding assistance, Miss Barber noted, but the past two administrations have cut library appropriations, and although Congress has restored part of the cuts, the remaining funds are often designated for new or experimental programs.

Miss Barber concluded that although it would be nice to find another philanthropist of the Andrew Carnegie stripe, "that would surprise me." What the library needs is a firm financial base to provide continuing service to the community.



AT OUR LIBRARY — Peggy Barber, director of Public Information for the American Library Association, visited the Vigo County Public Library staff Monday. She noted the visit was made to pick up pointers on library and community relationships. She praised the successful association of the Vigo Library with the community.

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12-21-76 Carolyn Henson, Ned Bush, with Don Sherwood on
(on WAAC "Newsmaker" program)

Bush: The West Vigo parking facility to open with a \$22,000 appropriation by the state.

Henson: The Ind. Library Trustee Assoc. & ILA sponsoring the financing for public libraries. 1 million, 200 thousand for library units. Help especially for the smaller libraries.

Discussion of the 3.5 million dollar library

Bush: Dir. Howard reported at board meeting details such as floor coverings, et. Hope to receive bids within the next month. It will be 60 days after bids asked for before contracts. Looking forward to spring construction. Planning has taken 5 years so much thought has gone into preparations.

Bush: Bush discusses his interest in Eugene Debs Home & VCPL. Debs took stand for public libraries many years ago. Dir. Howard unearthed this quote "We want libraries and we will have them in glorious abundance; then the libraries will be as it should be; a noble temple dedicated to culture & symbolizing the virtues of the people."

Sherwood: That's an ideal for libraries and also a practical application for those people to advance their studies in whatever field because you do have a broad range of ref. works as well as the gen. kind of things. You also have a special programs underway.

Henson: All branches have story hour and in summer their programs in crafts and general entertainment for children. When you start a child young to use the library they become a life-time user.

Sherwood: Let me ask you both---I know it takes considerable hours, time, effort plus responsibility. Do you think it's worth it?

Henson: Definitely. I have learned a great deal. It's interesting. I enjoy libraries.

Bush: I started going to libraries early. I've always been a spectator--being a newspaperman, but now that I'm retired I find this chance to be active and doing something for the community very rewarding.

Sherwood: Isn't it frustrating to work 5 years on plans even though it certainly is needed. Surely Emeline F. is becoming inadequate in today's technology. I know we are tied in with INCOLSA & that has remarkable attributes.

Sherwood: What about the relationship between VCPL and Cunningham?

I know there has been cooperation there.

Bush: The new director, Lee, has been very cooperative. Dir. Howard has reciprocated. Dir. Lee has also been very aware of the Debs Home and Library. We have just completed a Socialist Library of almost 1,000 vols. We were assisted by Alice Wert Of T.S. of VCPL as a volunteer. Without her we could not have done it. There are many of Debs books in the library, but the bulk is labor history, over 100 bios of people associated with socialism.

Sherwood: Briefly discusses open-door policy whereby card holders may be used in various libraries --Vincennes, Ill.

Sherwood: Library received unique kind of support when it decided to move for a 3.5 million dollar bond issue. They had, I think, by law to get 50 signatures so as to execute bond issue if a public hearing later. Over 1800 signatures. Indicates public support.

Henson: We feel we have public support and are very appreciate and hope new library will serve more of their needs. One portion which has been hidden back in the basement is the A-V program and this will be on the main floor of the new library and hope will be taken of advantage more.

Shrewood: What's available in that?

Henson: Phonorecords, cassettes, ^{not} 8-track, cameras, projectors, recorders, prints of great art.

Sherwood: So there are all sorts of things people may not be aware of for borrowing.

Bush: In connection with public support I would like to mention that at the meeting a month ago we were much encouraged when 3 of the city's leading businessmen appeared and encouraged board to purchase the station which is in the process of being completed.

Sherwood: This makes all the difference in appearance and space.

Bush: Insurance will be less without the station there.

Sherwood: Speaking of appearance. If you do get some state money again in this year ^{year} it will go to beautify the West parking lot.

Bush: Plans are underway to landscape and make drainage better.

Sherwood: The W. Terre Haute building gets much use.

Bush: It is sort of a Town Hall for W.T.H.

Sherwood. There will be a meeting room complex in the new building?

Bush: Very up-to-date. Seats 3 or 400 people; will have screens, and will be one of the most beautiful buildings in this part of the country, but will also be extremely functional.

The fourth annual Right to Read Week was sponsored by the Wabash Valley Council of the International Reading Association to call attention to the fact that "many children in the Wabash Valley have a definite need for individual help in reading."

Another objective is to show the need for tutoring materials that parents, college students and tutors, both paid and volunteer, can use with those needing additional assistance on a one-to-one basis.

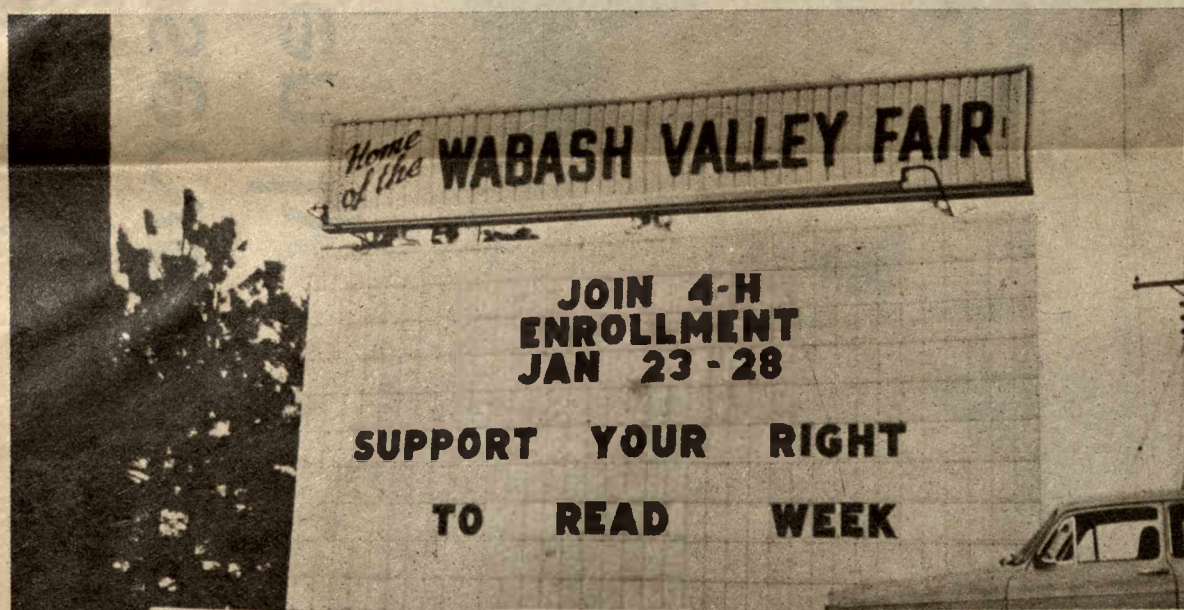
Through the local Right to Read Project, funds have been solicited to provide tutoring materials now housed in the Emeline Fairbanks Library in Terre Haute and which are available to anyone who has a library card and to areas serviced by the Wabash Valley Reading Council.

Funds are being used to replace materials that have shown excessive wear and to add to the collection, especially when the Vigo County Public Library moves into its new building.

The local Project Committee, under the direction of Dr. Richard Biberstine, has set a goal of \$5,000 for the next two years to carry out the needs in this area. In sponsoring the project, the Wabash Valley Reading Council has made an annual contribution of \$100 and paid for all overhead. This allows all funds received from other contributors, large and small, to be used entirely for the purchase of tutoring materials.

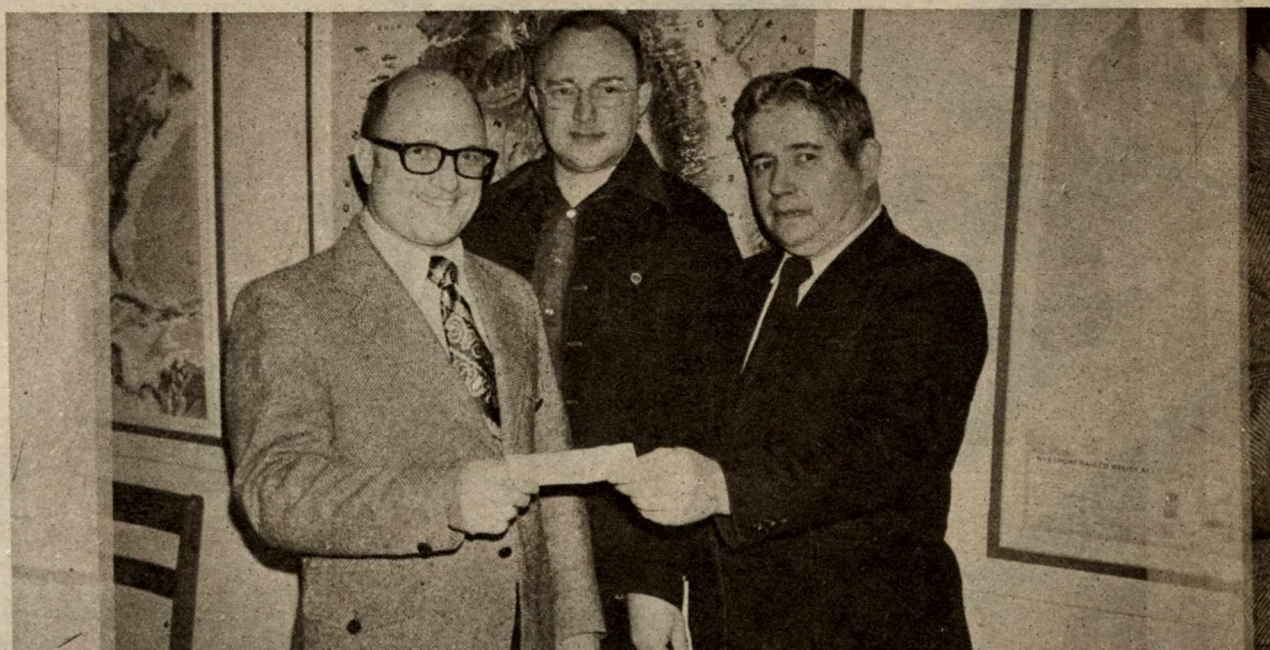
THE LOCAL Right to read effort started with the signing of the official proclamation by Mayor William J. Brighton. On hand for the occasion were Davis Park Principal George Thompson; VCSC media specialist

Martha Brinton; ISU professor Dr. Vanita Gibbs, and Dr. Richard Biberstine, ISU faculty member and Project Committee Chairman for the IRA for the 1977 observance Jan. 23 through 29.



THIS SIGN at the entrance to the Vigo County Fairgrounds carried a message about the recently-observed Right to Read Week. The Wabash Valley Council of the International Reading Association sponsored the event for the fourth year. Marquees and signs throughout the community called attention to the council's efforts to point up the need of many children who need individual help in reading.

CONTRIBUTIONS have been made by individuals, businesses, Parent-Teacher organizations, industries, and professional organizations such as the one represented here, Phi Delta Kappa. Dr. Richard Antes, president, and Dr. David Pease, executive secretary and treasurer, presented a \$250 check to Dr. Richard Biberstine, chairman of the 1977 Right to Read observance.



ISU professor evaluates *Libraries (T.H.) VCPL* Vigo Co. Public Library system *Indiana Statesman 3-18-77*

Expressing in terms which he called "very functional," Lawrence R. Reck, associate professor in the Department of Graduate Education, evaluated the Vigo County Public Library (VCPL) system.

Spending one to two weeks in each department within the VCPL, Reck is learning the methods and techniques of how it operates. "I'm just observing others and trying to do part of the work involved myself," he said. For instance, he just finished learning how to operate INCOLSA, a computerized book processor new at the VCPL.

Reck, who instructs two graduate courses in audio-visual media, said that the work he is doing at the VCPL should make it easier to communicate with the students. "What I'm trying to do is become familiar with what goes

on in a library and therefore be able to explain it better," he said. "It's easy to explain the 'why' of something, but I'm trying to find the 'how'."

Reck said his current work with the VCPL is helping him in that he is learning respect for people in the library field. "There is just so much that goes on in the system that it's really amazing how it remains so organized," he said.

He also said that the situation was rather ironic, because he is "on the other side of the fence for a change" by learning instead of teaching.

Reck, who has done evaluations on other libraries in this area, including those at Rose Hulman and ISU, said he can relate some of the things he learned during those experiences to what he is doing now. "It's a little easier now because I know basically what to expect," he said.

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McDonough Readies Book Of Vigo Library History

By JACK HUGHES
Tribune Staff Writer

While the nation takes proper note of National Library Week — and the Vigo County Public Library adds its own special celebration of progress here — there is also occasion to acknowledge the points in the past that have made the present possible.

For in the future of the the

look at its past provided by Mrs. Charles (Irene) McDonough in her soon to be published "History of the Public Library in Vigo County."

Mrs. McDonough, of 123 Barton Ave., worked in the local library system for 20 years prior to her retirement in 1974. Since that time, she has continued to work on an idea that developed during the last few years of her library career when she was coordinator of technical services.

In the course of duties associated with that position, she dealt with numerous "bits and pieces of history," both of the community and of the library itself. Before long, she was thinking, "Wouldn't it be nice if these were all pulled together ..." The thought grew from casual wish to real desire and finally to determination, in spite of the monumental task it presented.

"I had been wanting to do some kind of writing," Mrs. McDonough reports, "and I just decided that if it should be done I was going to do it." So she did. But, not that quickly. First, came coordinated research, gathering together all the many elements of fact, folklore and photographs.

In the process, she found her already profound regard for the people of Terre Haute and Vigo County growing even larger as she saw the measure of contributions by many individuals and groups toward library advancement in steady progress over the years.

Her book tells about that progress, not in the vacuum of specialized history, but in the whole history of the area, relating developments in the library to the events and community interests in each period of time.

Mrs. McDonough's project became a kind of dedicated tribute to the people about whom she was writing. "We have always supported growth and development in Indiana and Vigo County," she declares referring to many incidents and accomplishments demonstrating that assertion, all outlined in the book.

"The people of this community seem to sense the value of recorded history and support its preservation," the author continues, with emphasis on the words history and support.

She found that support in her own work and expresses great gratitude to both the library board of trustees and to Ed Howard, VCPL director, for their encouragement and support. She also is grateful to Howard for the "timeline" he worked up and which she used as a chronology-foundation on which she built her own work of words.

While attention is focused on the groundbreaking this week for the new library home, Mrs. McDonough looks back on the spadework of her own project with satisfaction. "It's all ready to go to the printer," she reports happily.

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TOGETHER AGAIN—Fifteen of the retired staff members of the Vigo County Public Library enjoyed a reunion following groundbreaking ceremonies Friday for the new Vigo County Library. Current staff members had arranged a reception for them at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library where they enjoyed light refreshments and a tour of the building. Seated from lower left are Irene McConough, Louise Campbell, Evelyn LaBier, Hilda Bledsoe, Anna Faye Strang, Hazel Elizabeth Bungard, Berneice Thomas and Floetta Bolin. Standing, from left, Ruth Mildred Hunter, Mary M. Mathes, Trillis Kutchan, Ann Silliman, Virginia Smith, Lillian Laybold and Margaret Rohan. (Star Photo: Kadel)

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Library Staff to Hear Library Commissioner

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Al Trezza, executive director of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, will be in Terre Haute Friday as a featured speaker at the Vigo County Public Library

According to Ed Howard, VCPL director, Trezza will speak to the staff and library board on what the local library might accomplish in the overall picture of a national library information network.

"NCLIS, which Trezza heads," Howard said, "is a government commission established by Congress to develop and recommend future plans for library information services which will more effectively serve the entire nation by utilizing today's network systems."

Trezza will give the local staff some background information on the White House Conference on Library and Information Services to be held in 1978. Responsibility for planning and conducting the White House Conference has been assigned to NCLIS in consultation with a White House-appointed Advisory Committee.

Howard said the VCPL has had a continued interest in the White House Conference because of the work being done by Alice Wert, coordinator of VCPL technical services, as chairman of the Indiana committee working toward this

conference.

Trezza, former director of the Illinois State Library, has been active in the field since 1950 when he served as head of circulation at the University of Pennsylvania. He has been executive secretary of the Catholic Library, associate executive director of the American Library Assoc., before assuming his present post in 1975.

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What Shall We Do
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Before too long the Vigo County Public Library will have its new main building completed. When that time comes the current main library facility, the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, will be vacated.

The Emeline Fairbanks building has served the library system well for many years. The time has come, however, for a more modern facility to take its place.

This leaves us with a problem — what to do with the Emeline Fairbanks building? Even though the facility is in need of some repairs, it has potential for serving the community in some fashion.

There are a number of possibilities for the use of the building — some have been openly discussed, while others are just ideas in the back of the mind.

We feel this is an excellent time for the public to make some suggestions.

How can the building be used? What function could best serve the community? Who should take responsibility for the facility?

We invite those in the community who have thoughts about how to use the building to write to The TRIBUNE with those ideas. Letters can be addressed to The Editor, Terre Haute TRIBUNE, 721 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute, IN 47808.

The TRIBUNE will share the letters received with readers at a later date.

So, whatever your idea, put it on paper. You may just be doing a needed community service by making your suggestion known.

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VCPL STAFF INSTITUTE — Al Trezza, executive director of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, and featured speaker at Friday's 18th annual Vigo County Public Library Staff Institute, received the Key to the City of Terre Haute from Controller Joan Hetherington. Observing the presentation were Arch Dunbar, third from the left, of the Library Board and Ed Howard, VCPL director. *House of Photography Photo*

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Funds Available
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For Vigo Library

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State Rep. Darrell E. Felling (D-Terre Haute) announced Thursday that the Vigo County Public Library is eligible for \$22,431.39 in state funds.

During the 100th session of the Indiana General Assembly, a bill was adopted which provides state support for local public library districts. The new law established an distribution formula for libraries in conjunction to an amount appropriated in the state operating budget. The total in the state budget for public libraries is \$832,000 and each library's share is based on its operating budget.

"The State Board of Tax Commissioners determined the allocations and made this information available," Felling said. "Payments to the library districts will be made before August 1, 1977 which is according to the terms of the new law."

Rep. Felling said the monies will be used to purchase new books and materials and are expected to offset some of the rising costs public libraries have incurred in the past year.

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Library Board Posts *Libraries (TH) VCP* Up for Appointment

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By COLLEEN SIMS
Tribune Staff Writer

Action on two appointments to the Vigo County Library Board is expected to be taken soon.

The two positions which expire July 17 are currently filled by Ned Bush Sr., curator of the Eugene V. Debs Home, and George Duncan, general manager of Roselawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Vigo Circuit Court Judge Hugh D. McQuillan told The TRIBUNE Monday he intends to re-appoint Bush to the library board.

The second vacancy on the seven-member board is to be decided by the Vigo County School Corporation board of trustees.

The school board is to consider the appointment in new business at Wednesday night's meeting. Dr. Wayne A. Crockett, vice president of the school board, said he expects action to be taken on the appointment at that meeting.

Both appointments must officially be made before July 17.

Betty Martin, assistant director of the library, said action is anticipated to take place later this month, with the swearing in for both positions necessary before the beginning of the new terms.

The appointments are to be for four-year terms, the length now of all library board appointments.

The two men now serving in those positions which are expiring have been on the board since the new Class I board was created in July of 1974. At that time, all board appointments were made for one, two and three-year terms to allow for expirations in different years.

Appointments to the library board are made by the Vigo Circuit Court Judge, the Vigo County School Corporation board of trustees and the Vigo County Commissioners.

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What to Do With Library

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Museum, Disco, Art Gallery?

By KAYE HOOLE
Tribune Staff Writer

Citizens from a number of businesses and with a variety of opinions told The TRIBUNE Tuesday what they hope the future of the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library structure will offer, after the new building is completed in the fall of 1978.

Exploration concerning the disposition of the building began earlier when the Vigo County Library Board appointed two of its members, Ned Bush, curator of the Eugene V. Debs Foundation, and Carolyn Henson, to study the issue.

It was reported at the board's meeting Monday evening preliminary meetings with ISU officials and local and county government officials have been arranged (Library Board meeting details on Page 3.)

Betty Tucker told The TRIBUNE Tuesday, "They just cannot tear the building down. It's a landmark. I hate it when they tear down beautiful pieces of architecture and put up square globs of glass. Please let's keep the landmark."

Jack Ragle, president Graham Grain Co. said, "I think they should put the Swope Art Gallery in there. We need a new art gallery and the old building is ideal."

Agreeing, William D. Tichenor, said, "I think the old building site would be excellent for a new art gallery. I think the Swope should move there."

Mark Newbauer, an ISU student, said, "I think it should be a disco. Can you imagine the sensational lighting. It would even be a great nightclub."

Pete Chalos, city councilman and coordinator of school and community services for the Vigo County School Corp., said, "I think it should become a museum for ISU's Carson collection. Also, I think it's too bad there's not a strong Wabash Valley Athletic group to make a athletic hall of fame."

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"I'm not sure what they should do with it, but they shouldn't tear it down—that's all I know," said John O'Rourke.

Feeling strong about the building's future, Gary Potter, said, "If they tear it down, I'll leave Terre Haute. It should be made a composite museum—a really fantastic place. People could come from miles around to see it. It would give Terre Haute a real boost."

"What we don't need in Terre Haute is another museum. We need something for the younger set," Barbara Gentry said.

"I just hope they don't tear it down," said Peggy Riley. "If they do, they'd probably make it a parking lot and that I just couldn't stand."

Paul Benning, plant manager of Pfizer, Inc., and a Vigo County school board member, said, "I think along the lines of adding it to ISU's compound. It is already carved into their property. We do need community input, however.

Many of those interviewed suggested

the old library site should house the Carson Collection, a well-known collection of historical artifacts.

Wayne Miller, of the Indiana State Employment office and president of the Vigo County Historical Society, said, "I am so fond of the building architectural-ly. It is one of the more handsome things we have in Terre Haute. I would hope it would be used for some sort of a museum—I would settle for a museum of almost any kind."

Miller pointed out the building is not large enough to house the Carson Collection. He said, however, it does have enough storage space and it could be displayed on a rotating basis.

Expressing the opinion of most interviewed, Jean Goodwin, said, "Please let's just keep it. It's a landmark."

Other persons with suggestions for the building's future are encouraged to write to The TRIBUNE. Letters should be addressed To The Editor, Terre Haute TRIBUNE, 721 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute, Ind., 47808.

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Meetings planned to discuss library's fate

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By NORMAN BLUEBAUM
 Statesman Staff Writer

meetings in the next four to six weeks.

ISU officials and local and county government officials are planning to work three to six months on the problem of Fairbanks Library ownership,

Legal disposition of the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library Building will be discussed at several exploratory

according to Arch Dunbar, Library Board president and committee member.

Ned Bush, a board member and curator of the Eugene V. Debs Foundation, and Carolyn Henson, board member were named to coordinate the research.

"To be sure that the building is preserved and not destroyed is the chief concern of the committee," Bush noted.

In 1904, Crawford Fairbanks, a prominent Terre Haute businessman and philanthropist, had the library built as a memorial to his mother. Fairbanks originally gave \$50,000 for the construction and later \$25,000 to furnish and maintain the building, which is presently owned by the Vigo County Public Library system. The city of Terre Haute provided the land which it still holds.

The problems that arose from the divided ownership were settled by a Common Council ordinance, when the library was first built. It gave a longtime lease to the School Board, with the provision that the City be released from the responsibility for necessary repairs to the property, according to a library pamphlet published on the history of the library.

"Had the building been deeded almost 70 years ago, there wouldn't be a legal problem of ownership," Bush added.

Before the land and building contributions were made for the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, the Universalist Church at 119 North 8th Street was used, in 1896 as a library. Like its predecessor, it too replaced an

out-grown building.

In 1882, the Terre Haute school trustees purchased the property of the Terre Haute Library Association. There were 1,140 volumes in its collection.

Back in 1879, after a second library association had been organized and failed, a group of women took over the library. Men could not become members during this time, but they could contribute to the library.

An office and reading room in a second story building at 5th Street and Wabash Avenue was used for the library in 1869. A \$4 annual library membership was charged.

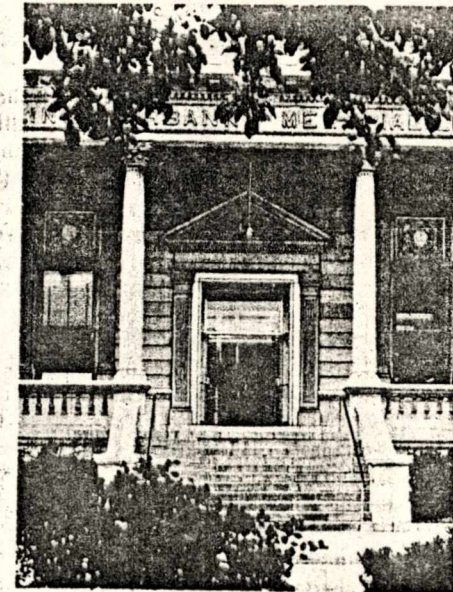
After the Township Library Law was passed in 1853, a library was established at 318 Ohio Street. It was later moved to the Union Printing Office on Market

Street.

Before the establishment of the Township Library, a Subscription Library was established in 1823. This was a forerunner to the first library started in Terre Haute in 1818.

For many years the Fairbanks Library has been the main one in Terre Haute, operating for nearly half of the 159 years that libraries have existed here. A need for larger quarters have appeared to be the most pressing problem facing it, even though there are four branch libraries.

The solution was to build a new library which is under construction at 1 Library Square which will open Sept. 1, 1978. The question remains as to what to do with the Fairbanks Library when the new one is completed.



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Howard Named *VCPL*

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Edward N. Howard, director of the Vigo County Library, has been elected by the Council of the American Library Association to serve on its Budget Review Assembly for the 1977-78 year.

Howard was elected to serve on the Council, governing body of ALA, as the chapter representative from Indiana in 1975. He also serves on the Council's Publishing Committee, the policy making overseer of ALA publishing.

The current general operating budget for the 35,000 member national library association is \$2.4 million. In addition to the general operating fund, \$3.4 million is budgeted for ALA publishing.

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Fairbanks Library Building Expected To Be Presented to Indiana State

Libraries, T.H. + Fairbanks

It has been reliably reported to The TRIBUNE the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library structure is to be given to Indiana State University by the city and the Vigo County Library Board.

An official announcement is to be made at the board's Monday evening meeting. A joint statement by Dr. Richard G. Landini, ISU president, and Mayor William J. Brighton is being prepared.

Discussions involving the disposition

of the building began several weeks earlier when two members of the library board were appointed to study attempts to preserve the local landmark.

Exploration began earlier concerning the disposition of the present Fairbanks Library structure, since the new building will be constructed and opened for occupancy Sept. 1, 1978.

Discussions involving key citizens and the appointment of two Vigo County

Library Board members to study the issue were attempts made by the board to preserve the local landmark.

Ned Bush, a board member and curator of the Eugene V. Debbs Foundation, and Carolyn Henson, board member, were named to coordinate the research.

Several sources had indicated to The TRIBUNE the building should become the future site of a museum of natural history, labor, antiques or something similar.

In addition, The TRIBUNE had invited its readers to comment concerning the building's disposition through on-the-street interviews and editorial comment.

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**Library Board May
Give Building To ISU**

Conjecture concerning the future of the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library building is expected to end Monday night when the Vigo County Library Board will be asked to approve the donation of the building to Indiana State University. The VCPL Board of Trustees will meet in regular session at 8 p.m. Monday at the Library building and will consider the transfer as a part of the agenda.

Since the library owns the building and the City of Terre Haute owns the land on which the building stands, it is understood that the city will approve the gift. Neither ISU president Dr. Richard G. Landini nor Terre Haute Mayor William J. Brighton was available for comment.

According to one library source, the terms of the Fairbanks will preclude use of the building for any purpose except as a library and, broadly interpreted, a museum can be construed as a library.

A number of individuals and departments at ISU have exhibited an interest in adapting the building for use as a museum. Among the several proposals are: a permanent home and display for the Carson Collection, a natural

history museum, an anthropology museum and a labor history museum.

Ned A. Bush, Sr., has been serving as chairman of a VCPL Board special committee to study disposition of the building. Mrs. Carolyn Henson has been serving with Bush and the preliminary report of their committee was made at the June board meeting.

The committee has been concerned about preserving the building as a local landmark once the library is moved to a new building, now under construction at 1 Library Square.

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Vigo Library trustees given okay to advertise \$1 million budget

By WAYNE PERRY
Tribune Assistant Editor

The Vigo County Public Library will advertise a 1978 budget of over \$1.1 million — up 10 per cent from the 1977 figure.

Approval to advertise the budget was given by the library trustees during their regular monthly meeting Monday night.

The exact proposal calls for a library operating fund budget in 1978 of \$1,121,925. In addition, a bond and interest redemption fund is set at \$401,962.

In order to raise the funds a 40 cent property tax levy is being requested for the library operating fund and a 16 cents levy is sought for the bond and interest redemption fund, for a total of 56 cents. The tax rate represents no increase over the 1977 rate.

The 1978 budget includes what is termed as "present needs 1978" and "one-half year, new building, 1978." The distinction is made since the central library operation will be moved from the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library in mid-1978 to a new facility now

under construction on the former site of Wiley High School. "Present needs" figures represent the cost of running the library for 12 months regardless of the location. The "new building" figures represent additional costs resulting from a move into the new facility.

The five areas of the library operating fund include:

- Services personal (such as salaries and compensations) — The amount budgeted in this area for 1978 is \$712,005, up nearly 14 per cent from 1977. One of the areas of greatest increase is for student assistants and hourly workers.
- Services contractual — (such as communications and transportation, utilities, printing and advertising and repairs) — The budget in this area is up 77 per cent. The costs for electricity is budgeted in 1978 for more than five times what it was in 1977. The water and sewage budget is more than tripled and the overall heat, light, power and water total is nearly three and one-half times as great as in 1977. The total amount called for in this area for 1978 is \$107,806.
- Supplies — The total amount budg-

eted is \$33,613, up nearly 20 per cent from 1977.

- Current charges (such as insurance, rents, dues and employer contributions) — The total budgeted is \$139,281, up just over one per cent from 1977.

- Properties (such as equipment, library materials and structure improvement) — The total is \$129,220, down more than 23 per cent from 1977.

A special meeting for the public hearing on the budget is set for Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 8 p.m. in the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library.

In other action at the meeting officers were chosen for the year. All current officers were re-elected: Arch Dunbar, president; Mrs. Ethel Bell, vice president; Mrs. Rosemary Duwelius, secretary; and David Johnston, treasurer.

Library Director Ed Howard announced that the library received more than \$22,000 from the state as part of the money allocated to support public libraries in Indiana.

The board also agreed to spend up to \$8,500 to pay for the printing of a book, "The History of the Public Library in Vigo County, 1816-1975."

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Vigo Library Becomes University Property

By KAYE HOOLE
Tribune Staff Writer

The Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library structure has been made a gift to Indiana State University by the Vigo County Public Library Board and the City of Terre Haute, confirming a TRIBUNE report published last week.

Official approval of the building's disposition came during the Monday evening meeting of the Vigo County Library Board.

"Everyone was very pleased the matter was handled so expeditiously. Matters were consummated in less time than expected," according to Ned A. Bush Sr., one of two board members who was involved in research to preserve the local landmark.

Bush said many board members expressed "great pleasure" to him and Mrs. Carolyn Henson, also a board member involved in a search to find suitable utilization of the structure, regarding the building's disposition.

Early Tuesday morning, Dr. Landini told The TRIBUNE "there are a great many competing demands from the campus" concerning the building's future use. He said "the various requests will be assessed as they are received from faculty sources. We will weigh the suggestions in something of a balancing scale."

Landini said thought had been given to utilizing the structure to house the Carson Collection, a well-known assortment of historical artifacts also a gift to ISU. Another suggestion, he said, "was to create a science museum."

"We are most pleased to have the old library site and we will do our best to blend well with the history of the building," he concluded.

In a statement released at the Monday evening meeting, by ISU President Dr. Richard G. Landini, Mayor William J. Brighton and Library Board President Arch Dunbar, it was explained a "consensus was reached" and "it was decided" the library structure "would be presented to the university as a gift."

Approval of the city as well as the Library board was necessary because although the city has the title to the land, the library board controls and maintains the building. This legal snarl dates to 1903 when Mr. Crawford Fairbanks offered to give the library building to Terre Haute as a gift. The city had the responsibility of obtaining land (the current site).

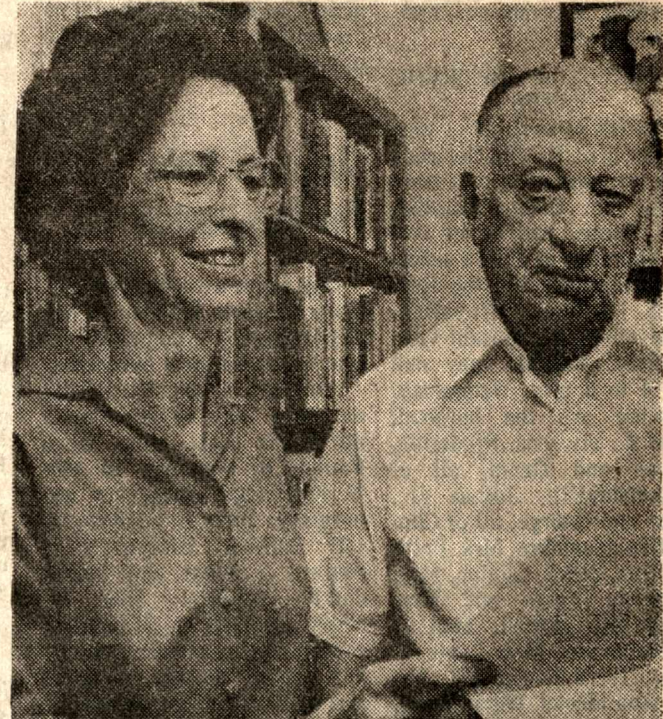
In 1906 negotiations were accepted from the school corporation to maintain the facility. And, during that period, school and library boards were the same.

In 1974, however, a resolution was adopted by the school board, then operating as a Class II public library, to convert to a Class I public library under the provisions of the "Public Library Law of 1947."

The boards then separated and a new library board was appointed.

According to Ed Howard, director of the library, "it shouldn't take long to straighten the matter out." He said there are legal questions to be answered, but the primary decision of giving the land and the library building to ISU has already been made.

Bush said the legal matters should be concluded by Sept. 1, 1978, when the new library is occupied. He said it could be sooner, if "nothing interferes."



PLEASED WITH LIBRARY DISPOSITION — Mrs. Carolyn Henson and Ned A. Bush Sr., Vigo County Public Library Board members who coordinated research to preserve the Emeline Fairbanks Library site, seem pleased with the board's Monday evening decision to make the building a gift to Indiana State University. Several weeks earlier exploration had begun to determine what would become of the library structure, since the new building is to be opened for occupancy Sept. 1, 1978.
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VCPL Board Approves *Libraries (Title) - VCPL* Transfer Of Building

By MIKE RUSSELL
Star Staff Writer

The building which for years has housed the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library will soon become a part of Indiana State University, it was announced Monday evening at the Vigo County Public Library Board meeting.

ISU President Richard G. Landini, Mayor William Brighton, and VCLB President Arch Dunbar released the following joint statement:

"At a meeting on June 24, 1977, held in the office of President Landini at the University, a consensus was reached and it was decided that the old Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library should be presented to the University by the City of Terre Haute and the Vigo County Public Library Board as a gift.

"Those attending the meeting were Mayor Brighton, President Landini, Ned A. Bush Sr., and Carolyn Henson, Board members, Guille Cox, attorney for the Board, and President Dunbar.

"The transfer of title to the University will not be concluded for

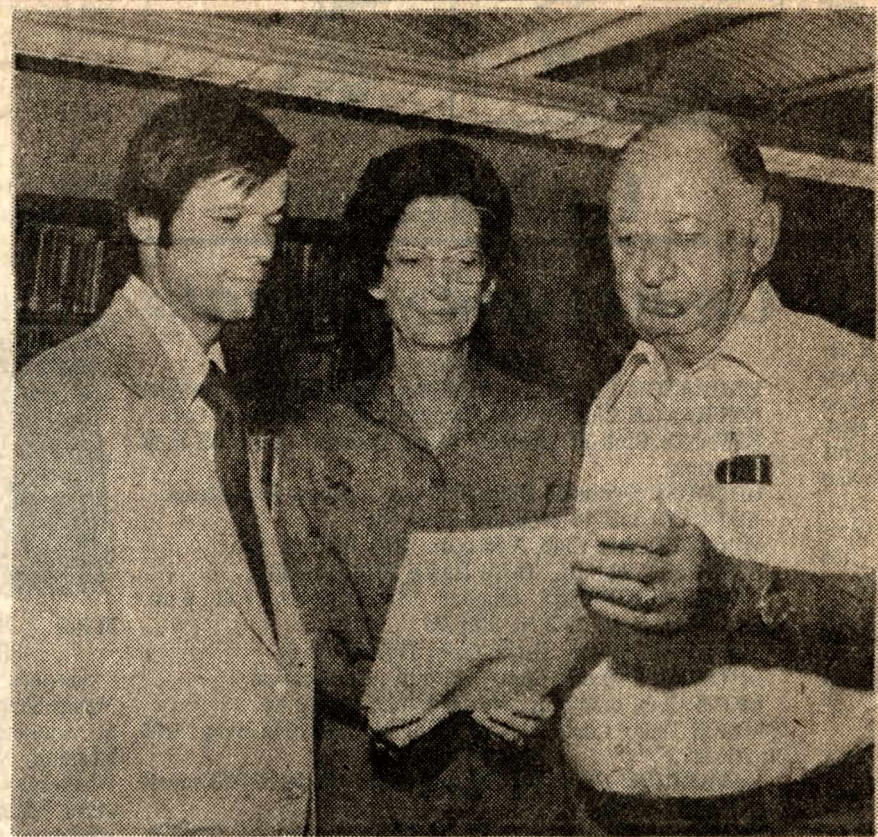
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several months. Details of the actual transfer will be worked out by the Library Board attorney, the city attorney, and the attorney for the board of trustees of the University. It may take several months for approval by all parties and even a court decision may be necessary to clear the title."

In summary in a letter of intent to the Library Board and to Mayor Brighton, Dr. Landini concluded as follows:

"I am very grateful for your expression of confidence in the University and its future. Your expressed desire to see the Fairbanks Library as part of Indiana State University is very generous and gratifying. We very much appreciate this gesture of friendship and trust and we shall look forward with great expectations to later developments.

Approval of the city as well as that of the Library Board was necessary due to the fact that, although the county owns the building, the city owns the land upon which it stands. With the discontinuation of library services, the city had the right to reclaim the land.



LEGAL FORMALITIES BEGIN—The Vigo County Public Library Board voted Monday night to approve action by board attorney Guille Cox, left, in working with city and Indiana State University attorneys on the transfer of the present Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library building to ISU. Two board members instrumental in the transfer of the building as a gift are Carolyn Henson, center, and Ned Bush Sr.

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Library bonding requires tax levy

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The Vigo County Library Board is to conduct a special meeting Tuesday, Sept. 6, to consider its 1978 operating and bond redemption budgets.

A public hearing will be conducted during the meeting concerning the budgets. The advertised proposal for the operating fund totals \$1,121,925 and for bond and interest redemption fund the figure is \$401,962.

In order to raise the funds a 40 cent property tax levy is being requested for the library operating fund and a 16 cents levy is sought for the bond and interest redemption fund, or a

total of 56 cents. The tax rate represents no increase over 1977.

The library operating fund includes: services personal, budgeted at \$712,005; services contractual, at \$107,806; supplies, at \$33,613; current charges, at \$139,281; and properties, at \$129,220.

Also to be considered at the meeting is a snow melting system for walkways and drives at the new library building project.

The meeting is set to begin at 8 p.m. at Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library Building, 222 N. 7th St.

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West Terre Haute Library users will soon have an improved facility.

Vigo County's Public Library Board Monday awarded a bid for site improvement at the West Terre Haute location during a special meeting conducted at Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, 222 N. Seventh St.

Betty Martin, library board assistant director, said the board awarded the bid to Progressive Construction, a Terre Haute firm which had the lowest of two bids received.

The basic bid totalled \$19,713, which is within the board's state grant, Mrs. Martin said.

The bid includes black-topping the parking area at the West Terre Haute site. Mrs. Martin said the board plans to talk with the construction firm about the possibility of using concrete instead. "That might

cost more," Mrs. Martin said, "but we have enough money in the budget to cover it."

The site improvement involves exterior work including changing the direction of water drainage away from the building, eliminating cross driving on the parking area and beautifying the corner.

The board receives a state grant of \$22,431, Mrs. Martin said, which are to be used at the board's discretion.

Mrs. Martin said the board is anxious for the work to begin. "We would like to get it started while the weather is still good," she said.

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Library to serve as training site

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Vigo County's Public Library is to be the Indiana Information Retrieval System "guinea pig" in developing training sessions for supervisors of more than 30 computer terminals around the state.

Clarence Brink, VCPL reference coordinator, said Dr. Morton J. Marcus, Indiana University division of research, was to explain how to "talk to the computer" Wednesday.

Also on hand at ISU's Cunningham Memorial Library, Room B45, is Ann Pickeral, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, division of research, and Patricia Muller, from the state library in Indianapolis. They were to present a training session at 1 p.m.

Brink said the VCPL staff is the first to receive instruction in the revisions of INDIRS. Invitations to the demonstration have been issued to other area educational institutions and to persons who have expressed an interest in the INDIRS service.

"Anyone searching for social or economic facts on Indiana has access to the library's terminal and may learn to use it," Brink noted.

What the INDIRS does is eliminate searching a library for a book. Miss Muller, who spends most of her time "talking to computers," said by typing certain information into the computer, the information you need is supplied for you.

INDIRS is an experimental service of the Division of Research in the School of Business at Indiana University, Bloomington. Developmental support has been furnished by the Indiana Education Services Foundation and the Indiana Department of Commerce. Implementation, coordination, and funding assistance is being provided currently through the Indiana State Library under the Library Services and Construction Act of the U.S. Office of Education.

INDIRS can provide printed copies of information about many of several statistical aspects of Indiana life. Much of this information is not easily available in many Indiana communities, and INDIRS can furnish it in a clear, concise manner. Library personnel are to assist the information seeker, and will welcome feedback on how the data meet information needs.

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CONTENTS OF EFML CORNERSTONE
August 10, 1904

1. Brief history of the Emeline Fairbanks memorial library written by Spencer F. Ball.
2. Council proceedings of February 3, 1903, relative to the gift.
3. Official program of August 10, 1904.
4. Photographs of the following: Crawford Fairbanks Failey
Alice Catherine Failey
Ex-mayor Henry Fairbanks
Mrs. Emeline Fairbanks
Crawford Fairbanks
5. Sealed sketch of the life of Crawford Fairbanks.
6. City Directory of 1904.
7. Masonic articles: Grand Lodge proceedings of 1904
(including grand chapter of R.A.M.,
grand council of the R. and S. M.,
and the Grand Commandery of Knights
Templar.)
Masonic Advocate of August, 1904.

Note: All Masonic articles were
wrapped in a Masonic lamb
skin apron.
8. Copies of the Terre Haute papers.
9. Copies of the annual reports of Superintendent Wiley of the city schools, giving a complete history of the public library in Terre Haute.

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VCPL History Publication *Libraries (T.H.) - VCPL Community Affairs File* **Scheduled Here In November** *S OCT 20 1977*

By ELIZABETH CIANCONE
Star Staff Writer

It couldn't happen at a more opportune time. The first history to be compiled of the public library in Vigo County is complete and the first copies should be received from the publisher by mid November, according to Ed Howard, director of the Vigo County Public Library.

One of the "musts" for inclusion in the copper cornerstone box will be a copy of this history.

Irene McDonough began to put together "The History of the Public Library in Vigo County" during the summer of 1974 — shortly after her retirement in March of that year. "I really had the history in mind when I retired," she said.

During her years with the library she served variously as reference librarian, librarian at Meadows Branch and finally retired as coordinator of technical services following an interim between her service at Meadows Branch when she worked with the Vigo County School Corporation as a librarian.

Probably her patience learned as a reference librarian stood her in the best stead when she began the pursuing endless board minutes. "It was amazing at how the different personalities developed as you read through the minutes," she noted. Sally Hughes, for in-

stance, the third of the six different head librarians, emerged as "progressive and forward-looking." Soon after she became head librarian, she asked for permission to attend an American Library Association meeting, and later requested travel permits to study and observe libraries in the east.

"Book salesmen and publishers regularly stopped to consult with her," Mrs. McDonough observed. "They called her 'Mother Hughes' and asked her opinions on many aspects of the book business." One of "Mother Hughes" pioneering projects for this area was the idea of open shelves — an idea she learned from visiting eastern libraries.

In marked contrast to Sallie Hughes was Florence Crawford who folher as head librarian. Board minutes reveal her as being unusually shy and retiring, according to Mrs. McDonough. She attended board meetings only rarely, usually shifting the responsibility of library reports to the superintendent of schools. At that time — and in fact until July of 1974 — the Vigo County School Board also sat as the Vigo County Library Board and the superintendent of schools also had a responsibility as overall director of the library.

Mrs. McDonough admits that it became more difficult to write her history as events ap-

proached the time in which she herself was involved in decisions and projects. "I was afraid of over-playing the importance of recent events," she said, "and as a result, I probably under-played them."

Although there has been a library in Vigo County since 1816, the tax-supported library dates from 1882 when the Terre Haute Library Association was purchased by the School Board for the \$70 debt owed by the association plus the customary \$1 token fee. At first a city library, it officially became a county library in 1960.

During its 161-year history, the library in Vigo County has occupied a number of buildings. It moved from store-front locations on Wabash Avenue during its early years to the Universalist Church building on North Eighth St. The church sanctuary became the reading room, and the former altar rail separated the desk area from the reading room. "The church was adapted for use as a library rather than remodeled," Mrs. McDonough observed.

The present building was a gift to the city in memory of Emeline Fairbanks. The building was first occupied in 1906 and has seen many years of service. The new library — its cornerstone concealing the long history of library service in the county — should be ready for occupancy in approximately a year.

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Inventory report given for Vigo Library

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Officials at the Vigo County Public Library report that they have completed an inventory of adult non-fiction books begun in the fall of 1975.

The Technical Services Division of the VCPL conducted the inventory, according to a report offered by VCPL Director Ed Howard to members of the Vigo County Library Board.

The last inventory was completed in 1965, so the present status check of the collection represents a 12-year record and divulges a low 0.54 percent annual loss rate.

Howard said, "The low percentage of loss reflects credit on the library patrons of Vigo County."

Noting that "a true comparison with other libraries is difficult to make because of the various ways inventories are taken," Howard cited an annual loss rate of 10 percent at the New York Public Library, a 9.75 percent annual loss rate at the public library of University City, Mo., and an average annual loss rate of two percent over a seven-year period at

Levittown, Pa.

The "complete and thorough inventory" just completed has been conducted by Technical Services "as time permits."

Librarians have used the "shelf list" (the complete file list of all items the library is supposed to contain), and have then conducted an actual physical search of the shelves and circulation files to verify whether or not the item is actually in the library.

Items that could not be found in this way were noted and

were searched again at intervals of three, six and twelve months.

According to Mrs. Betty Martin, assistant to the director, the inventory accomplished a great deal more than mere estimate of loss. The inventory identified items to be officially discarded and removed from the card catalog and also iden-

tified areas where the collection needed to be strengthened.

And, according to a special report from Kathy Prothero at Monday's meeting, "it is not longer a question of 'if' a library will automate, but a question of 'how' and 'when'."

The inventory will be continued with the reference area the next in line. Adult fiction is also scheduled for inventory,

but since turn-over in that area is greater, the need is less pressing.

The special collections area of the VCPL is subject to an ongoing inventory since it is a part of the OCLC terminal.

Mrs. Martin said that an inventory of the children's collection had a low priority because of the turnover of volumes in that area.

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Alice Wert
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The Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services for the State of Indiana will be held Aug. 11-13, 1978, at the Atkinson Hotel in Indianapolis.

Gov. Otis R. Bowen, M.D., has given his support and sponsorship for this conference and will be the keynote speaker at the opening session. Mrs. Alice Wert of Terre Haute has been appointed to chair the conference and has announced a meeting of the conference planning committee for 10 a.m. Dec. 6 in the conference room of the Indiana State Library in Indianapolis.

The planning committee is made up of librarians and lay persons from all types of libraries and a wide range of areas and interests in Indiana. Four local individuals who are members of this planning committee include: Richard Pierard, ISU professor representing the College and University Round Table; Nina Babcock, Title I supervisor, representing the Indiana chapter of the American Society for Information Science; Julia Thiede, Vigo County Library; and Lee French of Sullivan, Ind., who represents the Indiana Association for Communication and Technology.

Pierard is chairman of the participants and invitation committee, Mrs. Babcock is publicity chairman, Thiede is recording secretary and French is a member of the participants committee.

The conference is for lay leaders, users and potential users of library services from the various geographical areas of the state. Participants will be chosen from business and professional organizations, elected and appointed public officials, labor, education, fraternal and service organizations, minority interests, religious bodies, youth, the media and retired persons.

A screening committee will review the persons nominated and select 250 delegates and 100 alternates. Those chosen will be formally invited to the conference by Gov. Bowen.

Housing, meals and transportation will be furnished for the official 250 participants. A nomination form will be mailed early in 1978 to the public, college and university, special and school libraries in the state as well as to all professional organizations, civic groups and so on.

The results of the conference will be manifested in many ways, according to Mrs. Wert.

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VCPL History Volume Available

Library Publicity
By ELIZABETH CIANCONE
Star Staff Writer

The weather outside was frightful, but inside the North Terre Haute Branch Library warm feelings more than compensated for the cold trip. The "History of the Public Library in Vigo County, 1816-1975" by Irene Roberts McDonough was officially presented to the public in a brief ceremony at the branch library at 10 a.m. Friday.

In making the presentation, VCPL director Ed Howard observed, "This newly-published history of the library is dedicated to the citizens of Vigo County whose efforts in support of a public library in this community come to life in this book."

Copies of the volume will be available for purchase at \$6.00 per copy at the circulation desk of the Emeline Fairbanks Library downtown, at the shopping center branches in Meadows, Plaza North and Southland, on the Medi-mobile and in West Terre Haute. Howard explained that because of the general community interest in the book, the library is offering it for sale at cost.

The author spent many years with the Terre Haute and later Vigo County library and draws on her own first-hand knowledge of many of the changes which have occurred since the early '50's. Other sources of information have included board minutes, staff bulletins, staff association records, local history files, scrapbooks, letters, manuscripts and other records and personal interviews with retired librarians or their survivors.

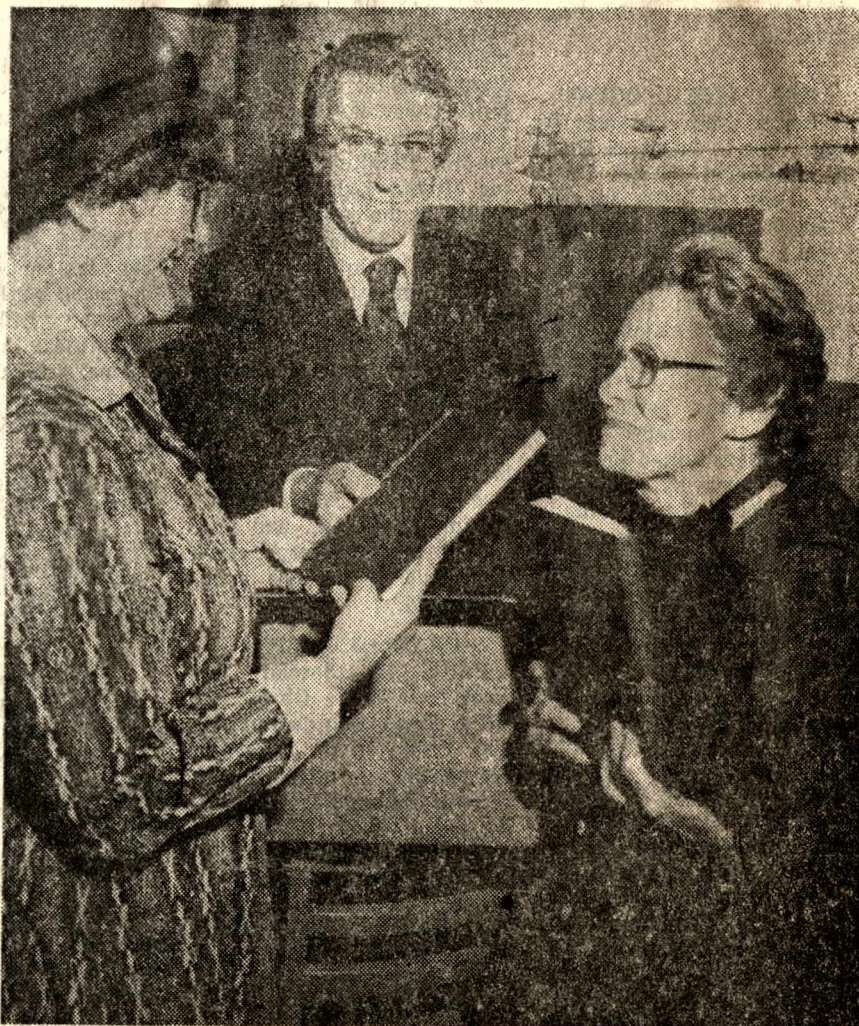
Mrs. McDonough began compiling her history in 1974 upon her retirement as technical services coordinator for the VCSC.

In addition to the narrative history of library service in the county, the book includes some 50 pictures reproduced from the library archives, ten separate appendices giving related material and lists of board and staff members from earliest times and an index for easy reference. Howard has suggested that

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the book would make an ideal inexpensive Christmas gift for local-history buffs.

Among the special guests at Friday's presentation was Mrs. Alice Kieweg, a long-active member of League of

Women Voters in Terre Haute. The League filed the friendly law suit which cleared the way for the library board to issue general obligation bonds making the construction of a new library building possible.



LABOR OF LOVE—Mrs. Irene Robert McDonough, right, beams as the result of many months of labor makes its debut. Her book, "History of the Public Library in Vigo County, 1816-1975" was presented to the community Saturday morning during a brief ceremony at the North Terre Haute Branch Library where copies of the book will be temporary stored pending sale. Vigo County Public Library director Ed Howard, center, sold the first copy of the book to Alice Kiewsg, an active member of the League of Women Voters. Both she and the organization have been long-time promoters of the VCPL.
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY DONATES LIBRARY

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Recent action of the board of directors of the Vigo County Historical Society has resulted in their decision to place their extensive historical reference library in the Special Collections Room planned by the Vigo County Public Library for their new location at 7th and Walnut Streets.

With the goal for completion set for the end of 1976, this gift would be one of the most important contributions to the community during the Bicentennial Year.

Incorporated in 1924, the Vigo County Historical Society has been dedicated to collecting and preserving all sorts of local historical materials. Much of the collection consists of books, diaries, letters, photographs, and family and business papers.

It was not until the 1950s that the library materials were put into any sort of usable shape, were unboxed and catalogued in readiness for the opening of the Historical Museum in 1958.

Since that time, the library has had limited use. Lack of sufficient funding has limited the hours the library could be kept open for use by students and scholars. A professional librarian was hired on a part-time basis to accession and catalogue books as they were donated.

At the present time, the library contains approximately 2,000 books, ranging from family genealogies to county histories, state history, atlases, volumes concerning all the wars in which the United States has been involved, and all related historical subjects. Six metal file cabinets contain local history materials. A special cabinet contains rolls of microfilm for the microfilm reader, cassette tapes of interviews and other oral history, as well as films and slides for history programs.

Along with the responsibility for preservation, there goes the equally important need for making the contents of the library more accessible to those who are desirous of using it properly and under supervision. It's strictly a research and reference library, not a circulating or lending library.

A special library committee was appointed by Ralph J. Courtney, president of the Historical Society, to meet with a committee from the Vigo County Public Library Board to explore the possibility of placing the Society's collection in the new library now in the planning stages.

The late Dr. Richard Gemmecke, whose idea provided the impetus for the move, chaired the committee, along with Wayne

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Miller and Mrs. Dorothy J. Clark, whose years of work with the collection were recognized. Library Board members Mrs. Rosemary Duwelius and George Dunkin along with Edward Howard, library chief, met with the Society group and plans progressed.

The committees took their findings back to their respective boards of directors, and after careful consideration of all pros and cons, the move was unanimously approved.

At their March meeting, the Historical Society's board members approved the gift of the library collection to the public library. Book plates will be placed in the books to make the researcher aware of the original owner. Filed materials will be incorporated into the public library's existing locked file cases.

Those library materials suitable for museum display will be retained for future use. Following the transfer, the room on the main floor of the museum now used for the library will be used for another purpose. The curator's time can be better utilized in museum display, programs, etc.

The planned Special Collections area of the proposed Vigo County Public Library provides a place to house and use the special collections of local history, genealogy, Indiana and American history (not found in general works) and other rare materials selected because of local significance. This material will be utilized by genealogists and local historians as well as researchers in Indiana and American history. This area provides a "safe" place to house materials of value which must be protected and for which the library has no other housing such as museum or rare book sections.

This space must be near the reference room and microfilm center for both accessibility and visual control and should not be open to the public except under the guidance of a staff member. This space should be near a public copier and should be near the card catalog. It should be isolated from any noisy activity.

The objectives of the Vigo County Public Library in its role as community information center have been stated as three-fold:

Acquisition (input): To acquire by purchase or gift, and by staff recording and production, all relevant and potentially useful information that is produced by, about, or for the citizens of the community.

Storage: To organize this information for efficient delivery and convenient public access, furnish equipment necessary for its use, and provide assistance in its utilization.

Delivery (output): To cause maximum effective use of this

information toward improving the quality of life in the community and the search for Understanding by its citizens.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

SECOND GRADE QUILT PROJECT - April 6 through April 13.

Mrs. Miriam Turney's second graders at Collett School have spent many hours making a patchwork quilt as their part of the bicentennial celebration.

WOOD CARVINGS by ERNEST DeMOUGIN - April 13 through April 27.

Mr. DeMougin uses the same time-consuming methods in his work that generations of carvers have used before him.

OPEN HOURS

HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF THE WABASH VALLEY, 1411 S. 6th St. Open for visitors Sunday through Friday, 1 to 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays and major holidays.

THE PAUL DRESSER BIRTHPLACE, Fairbanks Park. Open for visitors April to October. Hours are Sunday through Friday, 1 to 4 p.m., weather permitting. Closed Saturdays and major holidays.

Tour group arrangements may be made by calling the curator, 235-9717.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.—Vigo County Historical Society.

Wayne Miller will talk on "This Was Terre Haute Fifty Years Ago."

Sunday, April 20, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.—Wood carving demonstration by Ernest DeMougin and a group of Boy Scouts on the museum grounds.

Monday, April 21, 1:00 p.m.—"Friends of the Museum"

Mrs. Ada Hodge will train members for the May coverlet show.

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The Vigo County Historical Society meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. except during July and August.

The Museum is open from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. every day except Saturday, when it is closed.



LOOKING OVER library materials in the Historical Museum's reference library which will be transferred to the new Vigo County Public Library as a Bicentennial gift are, left to right, Ralph J. Courtney, Society president; Wayne E. Miller, Society director; Arch R. Dunbar, board president, Vigo County Public Library, and Ed Howard, director, V.C.P.L.

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It was not until the 1950s that the library materials were put into any sort of usable shape, were unboxed and catalogued in readiness for the opening of the Historical Museum in 1958.

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Along with the responsibility for preservation, there goes the equally important need for making the contents of the library more accessible to those who are desirous of using it properly and under supervision. It's strictly a research and reference library, not a circulating or lending library.

A special library committee was appointed by Ralph J. Courtney, president of the Historical Society, to meet with a committee from the Vigo County Public Library Board to explore the possibility of placing the Society's collection in the

new library now in the planning stages.

The late Dr. Richard Gemmecke, whose idea provided the impetus for the move, chaired the committee, along with Wayne Miller and Mrs. Dorothy J. Clark, whose years of work with the collection were recognized. Library Board members Mrs. Rosemary Dunwellius and George Dunkin along with Edward Howard, library chief, met with the Society group and plans progressed.

The committees took their findings back to their respective boards of directors, and after careful consideration of all pros and cons, the move was unanimously approved.

At their March meeting, the Historical Society's board members approved the gift of the library collection to the public library. Book plates will be placed in the books to make the researcher aware of the original owner. Filed materials will be incorporated into the public library's locked file cases, and genealogical materials will be

placed in the public library's existing locked file cases.

Those library materials suitable for museum display will be retained for future use. Following the transfer, the room on the main floor of the museum now used for the library will be used for another purpose. The curator's time can be better utilized in museum display, programs, etc.

The planned Special Collections area of the proposed Vigo County Public Library provides a place to house and use the special collections of local history, genealogy, Indiana and American history (not found in general works) and other rare materials selected because of local significance. This material will be utilized by genealogists and local historians as well as researchers in Indiana and American history. This area provides a "safe" place, to house materials of value which must be protected and for which the library has no other housing such as museum or rare book sections.

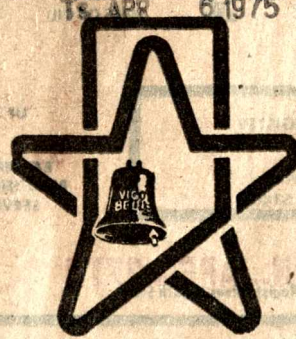
This space must be near the reference room and microform center for both accessibility and visual control and should not be open to the public except under the guidance of a staff member. This space should be near a public copier and should be near the card catalog. It should be isolated from any noisy activity.

The objectives of the Vigo County Public Library in its role as community information center have been stated as three-fold:

Acquisition (input): To acquire by purchase or gift, and by staff recording and production, all relevant and potentially useful information that is produced by, about, or for the citizens of the community.

Storage: To organize this information for efficient delivery and convenient public access, its use, and provide assistance in its utilization.

Delivery (output): To cause maximum effective use of this information toward improving the quality of life in the community and the search for Understanding by its citizens.



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During 1985, we at the Vigo County Public Library decided to take a good look at ourselves, our programs, and our services, so we asked the people of Terre Haute and Vigo County for their opinions.

We asked those coming into the libraries to fill out a survey form, surveyed others by phone, and met in person with community leaders. Some of the things we learned were that more than half the households in Vigo County use the library; that business people consider it a useful source of information for them; and, as might be expected, people use the branch libraries because they are close to home.

The survey was quite detailed, and the information gained will be used in our long-range planning. Anyone wishing to know more about it is welcome to see the survey and the analysis at any of the library locations: One Library Square, West Terre Haute, Plaza North, Meadows, and Southland.

While the survey was being taken, day-to-day services were, of course, going on without interruption. The statistics for 1985 show that circulation was 721,193 for the 316,803 items in the VCPL system. Service hours for the main library, the branches, and the mediamobile totaled 11,352, and 9,798 persons used the facilities in any typical week. We provided 80,213 instances of reference service, both by phone and in person - a lot of answers to a lot of questions!

We conducted 1,023 searches for materials through various data bases, and 4,203 persons were able to secure materials not available in the VCPL system through the interlibrary loan system. Interlibrary loan, along with the many other computer network services to which we have access, means we can procure books, directories, special indexes, magazine articles, etc., nationally and internationally. In fact, almost any book in the world can be at the fingertips of our users through these systems.

The service that showed the most growth during the year was, by far, lending videocassettes for home use. The circulation for these was 28,092. Another service gaining in popularity is the use of the microcomputer, which was booked 912 times last year. More than 275,000 persons viewed the films, tapes, and slides that were loaned to groups and organizations.

Another popular service of the library is the public meeting rooms. More than 48,000 individuals used the rooms last year, a good indicator of why they must be booked so far ahead. Programs that the library sponsored or co-sponsored with other community organizations, such as the Crackerbarrel Sessions, were attended by 18,558 persons.

These are just some of the library services provided last year, all of which were funded almost entirely through local property taxes. The budget approved for library services during 1986 is \$2,096,225.

The public library of 1986 is a valuable resource which can add significantly to the quality of life in your work, personal growth, and leisure pursuits.

You are invited to get acquainted with your library, to use it, and, above all, to enjoy it.

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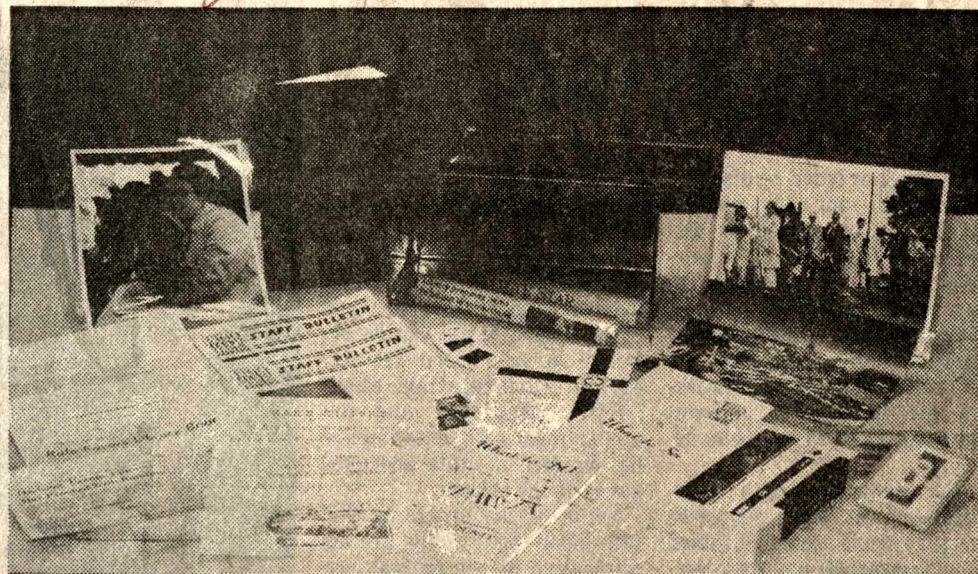
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1984 Circulation
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CONTENTS OF THE ARCHIVES BOX — This picture shows the contents of the copperbox that was placed inside the cornerstone laid in the new library building being constructed at One Library Square. The ceremony took place Nov. 30.

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Library prepares items to be put in cornerstone

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The cornerstone of the new Vigo County Public Library main building will be laid in a simple ceremony at 3 p.m. Nov. 30, according to a report which notes that items to be included in the cornerstone will be decided at the Nov. 21 meeting of the VCPL board.

The ceremony will be conducted by Arch Dunbar, board president, and Ed Howard, VCPL director, with the actual placement by Clarence Chestnut, masonry foreman for construction representing the local Bricklayers' Union.

The announcement notes that, "The placing of the cornerstone in this building is a little different from most buildings because this building is different in shape, having no square corners." The structure is designed with angles of more than 90 degrees at each corner. The stone is to be placed at the west side of the front entrance at Seventh and Walnut streets.

Most of the stone exterior on the west wing of the building had been completed before the announcement was issued, as had the setting of the laminated roof arches for both the east and west wings.

"Tom Duwelius, superintendent of construction for the general contractor, Shelton Hannig Inc., is constructing a platform across the front from which the ceremonies will be conducted," the report continues. "The ground is also

being prepared to allow members of the public to be near the platform to witness the actual stone laying."

The report states further, "A number of historic items will be placed in the copper box and sealed into the cornerstone of the new Vigo County Public Library when the ceremonies are held on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 3 p.m."

"Final determination of the items to be placed in the sealed box will be made at the regular meeting of the Library Board on Monday, Nov. 21, at the Emeline Fairbanks Library at 8 p.m."

"None of the items in the cornerstone of Emeline Fairbanks Library will be included in the new box because it has been determined that the old cornerstone cannot be opened until after the present building is vacated and the library moved to the new building. The reason for this is that the opening of the box would have to be done from the inside and would be too disruptive."

Items suggested for inclusion include the forthcoming book by Irene McDonough, "History of the Public Library in Vigo County 1816-1975," and a photograph of the author who is the retired former technical services director of the library; newspaper clippings following the proposal and development of plans for the new building; court judgments clearing the

way; the bond sale brochure; the annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1976; publications by the League of Women Voters; VCPL brochures; sound recordings of the special board meetings of May 25, 1976 (the bond sale) and April 5, 1977 (bid opening for prime contract work); the invitation-announcement of the groundbreaking for the new building and photograph of the library board at that ceremony, and others.

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LIBRARY CORNERSTONE IN PLACE — Brief ceremonies in a cold autumn rain Wednesday afternoon marked the laying of the cornerstone in the new Vigo County Public Library at Seventh and Walnut streets. The \$3 million library is scheduled for completion in the summer of 1978. Ed Howard, library director, and Ned A. Bush Sr., a member of the library board, and chairman of the cornerstone ceremony committee, inspected the stone, marked simply with the date, 1978. A copper box containing 23 items pertaining to the library was placed inside the cornerstone. Clarence Chestnut, masonry foreman, and his son, Don, secured the stone. Spectators included library staffers, board members and interested library patrons, most of whom carried umbrellas. Groundbreaking for the library last April also took place in the rain. Howard promised "a warm summer sun" for opening day.

House of Photography

Library puts cornerstone

in place

When the cornerstone of the Vigo County Public Library is taken apart many years from now, those who open the copper box containing many items dated from 1975 to 1977, will learn that it was raining on the day ground was broken at high noon for the new \$3 million building (April 22, 1977) and it was raining (and cold) on the day the cornerstone was laid (Nov. 30, 1977).

A brief ceremony was planned for the historic occasion by Ned A. Bush Sr., library board member, and chairman of the cornerstone committee.

Bush was to be in the platform party, taking the place of Arch Dunbar, board president, who is ill. Other members were Edward N. Howard, library director, and Clarence Chestnut, masonry foreman for the construction project.

Chestnut, a member of the local Bricklayers Union, was actually secure the sandstone cornerstone.

To permit staff personnel at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library and all its branches to attend the ceremony, all county library facilities were to be closed from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Ground has been cleared near the platform site at Seventh and Walnut streets. Both Bush and Howard were to make brief remarks.

Secured in the cornerstone was to be a copper box containing a number of items officially approved by the board at its Nov. 15 meeting. They include: a judgment of Superior Court of Vigo County, Division II, dated June 25, 1975, which cleared the way for library construction; copies of both the Terre Haute Tribune and Star announcing this de-

cision and more recent copies of both local daily papers announcing the cornerstone-laying ceremony; a copy of "The Voter," publication of the Terre Haute League of Women Voters, an organization which had supported the construction project; and a copy of the bond sale brochure dated May 3, 1976;

Also, a copy of the annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1976 of the Taxpayers Association of Vigo County; copies of three VCPL brochures and copies of the VCPL "Staff Bulletin" for March 1977 and August 1977; a copy of the invitation to the groundbreaking ceremony, April 22, 1977, along with a photograph taken at that event; a copy of "History of the Public Library in Vigo County 1816-1975" by Irene McDonough, along with a photograph of the author; and audiotape cassettes of special board meetings of May 25, 1976 (bond sale) and April 5, 1977 (bid opening for prime contract work).

Plan cornerstone ceremony

Wednesday for Vigo library

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A "short and simple" cornerstone laying ceremony will be conducted by the Vigo County Board of Library Trustees Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the site of the new library construction, Seventh and Walnut streets. Everyone's invited.

The historic gold-plated trowel to be used is the gift of Monninger Concrete Products, Inc., and will carry an en-

graved inscription of the event, courtesy of James R. Johnson Jewelry Store. The trowel will be put on display among other items of interest in the history of the new library.

The uncertainty of the weather at this time of year has led the committee in charge (Ned Bush, chairman; Carolyn Henson, and George Dunkin, all members of the library board) to plan a simple ceremony with a minimum of formality.

The platform party includes Arch Dunbar, president of the library board; Edward N. Howard, VCPL director; and Clarence Chestnut, masonry foreman for the library construction, and a member of Bricklayers Local 5, who will actually lay the cornerstone.

The building is expected to be completed by July 1, 1978.

The main library and branches will be closed Wednesday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. to permit all VCPL staff members to attend.

Lay VCPL Cornerstone In Rain

Howard Hopes Sun Shines For Opening

By ELIZABETH CIANCONE
Star Staff Writer

Noting that ground breaking for the new library had taken place in a spring rain and calling attention to the obvious cold autumn rain greeting well-wishers at the cornerstone ceremony Wednesday afternoon, Vigo County Library director Ed Howard promised "a warm summer sun" for the open house expected to be scheduled sometime during the coming summer.

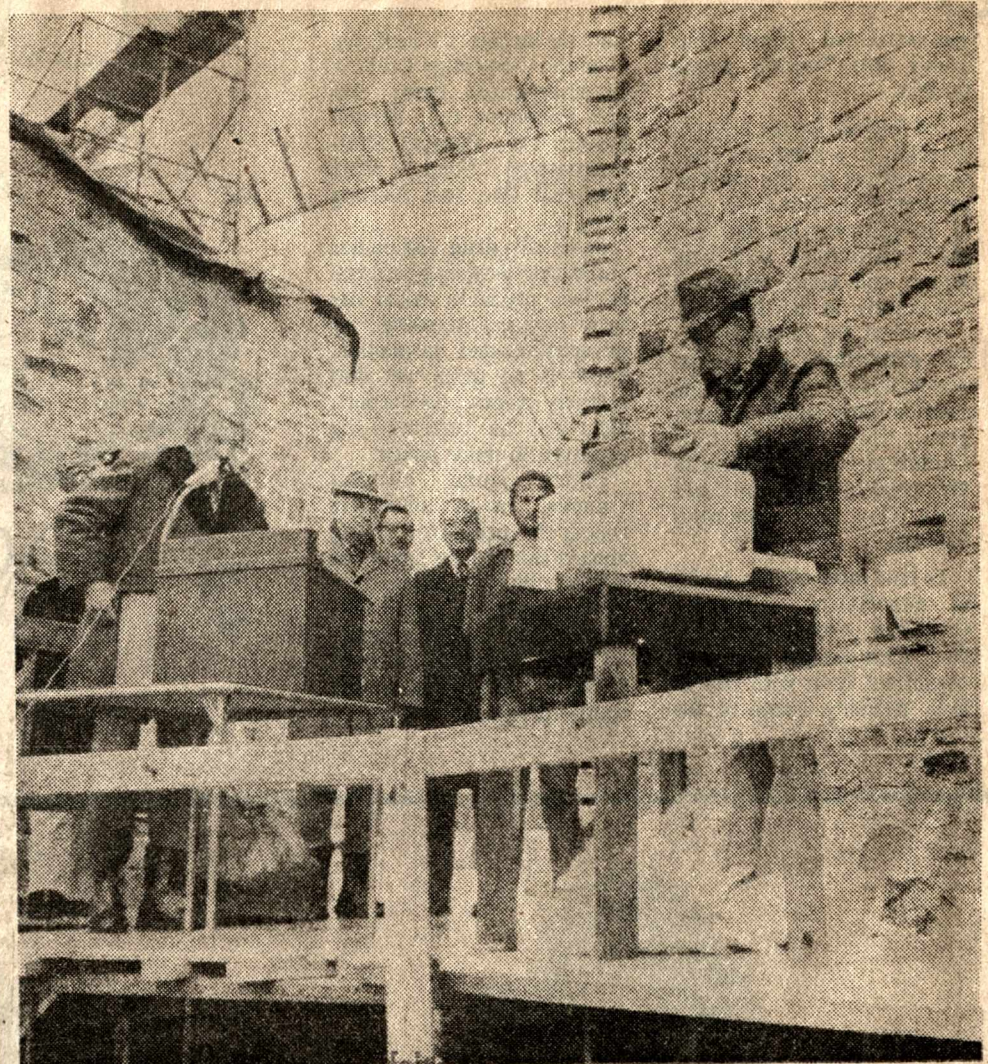
More than a hand full of spectators were on hand to witness the ceremony which included brief remarks by Ned A. Bush, Sr., chairman of the cornerstone committee for the VCPL board, and Howard. Howard noted that the box to be contained in the cornerstone had been found more than adequate for the 23 items approved by the board, and announced

that also included was a videotape cassette of the groundbreaking ceremony and a number of slides and photographs of that event as well as of the library under various stages of construction.

Clarence Chestnut, masonry foreman for the construction project, sealed the copper box into the cornerstone with the ceremonial goldplated trowel provided for the purpose and then, assisted by his son, Don Chestnut, also a member of the local Bricklayer's Union and a masonry worker on the project, secured the stone.

The stone, marked simply with the date, is located near the main entrance to the new building just off the corner of 7th and Walnut streets.

Spectators included members of the VCPL staff, other board members and a number of interested library patrons.



IN SPITE OF RAIN—Clarence Chestnut (right) lifts the copper box into the cornerstone of the new county library at the ceremony Wednesday afternoon. Ed Howard, library director, (left) checks the proceedings. The ceremony was brief, with Howard and Ned Bush Sr., board member, making comments. Many library employees and a few patrons were on hand. (Star Photo: Kadel)

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Trowel donated for ceremony of new Vigo library

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The cornerstone of the new Vigo County Public Library will be laid with a gold-plated trowel which will then be put on display among other items of interest in the history of the library.

The announcement of additional information on the ceremony slated for Nov. 30, at the site of new library construction, Seventh and Walnut streets, notes that the trowel will carry an engraved inscription registering the event.

The trowel is the gift of Monnigner Concrete Products Inc., 4600 N. 13th St., and the engraving of the inscription is the gift of the James R. Johnson Jewelry Store, 5 S. Seventh St.

A "short and simple" ceremony is planned, as approved by the Library Board at its meeting last Monday, scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. Arch

Dunbar, board president, will open the ceremony from a platform adjacent to the cornerstone in the entrance to the new building. He will speak briefly as a representative of the public through the board. Edward N. Howard, library director, will speak for the staff of the library. The cornerstone then is to be laid and sealed by Clarence Chestnut, masonry foreman in the construction project and representative of the Bricklayers' Union. That will conclude the program.

It is noted that no special invitations will be sent out as the program is open to the public, and it is hoped that many people will attend "this historic program that marks a big milestone in the progress of the library system."

The main library and all branches will be closed from 2:30 until 4 p.m. to permit all VCPL staff members to attend.

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By ELIZABETH CIANCONE
 Star Staff Writer

The day was gray but the smiles were bright as retired librarians, trustees and honored guests took their turn at groundbreaking ceremonies marking the start of construction of a new \$3 million main library building.

Considering the forbidding weather, a sizeable crowd was on hand to see the beginning of the dream, and each person attending was given a chance to help turn ground for the project.

VCPL Board member George Dunkin, manager at Roselawn Cemetery, thoughtfully provided a canvas cover to protect the retirees and other honored guests during the brief ceremonies.

VCPL Board president Arch Dunbar spoke briefly and introduced a few of the honored guests. Dunkin introduced his grandson, Richard F. Dunkin, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Dunkin, 4 Marion Way, and recalled that it had been his own grandfather, Francis M. Dunkin, who was president of the library board at the time of the previous groundbreaking 73 years ago.

Master Dunkin then assisted his grandfather in presenting memorial pla-

ques to each of the retired library staff members after which the crown of colorful umbrellas moved the short distance east where beribboned shovels waited for a motivating force.

Faces in the crowd included a wide representation of area business and professional people, current library staff personnel members of the Board of Trustees of the Vigo County School Corporation and many members of the reading public anxious to participate in the festivities, along with Robert Miller, architect's representative.

Following the brief formal activities, the honored guests were transported to the Emeline Fairbanks Library building where current staff members had arranged light refreshments and an informal reception for them.

At the end of a busy historic day, library director Ed Howard reported that he was "tired, but happily tired."

General contractor Shelton Hannig, Inc. will now begin the demolition of the former Marathon property on the southeast corner of the site and the excavation for the foundation. Finally the public will watch the dream become reality.



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REALIZATION OF A DREAM—Nineteen retirees of the Vigo County Public Library, members of the library board and distinguished guests turn the first shovels of ground at the groundbreaking held Friday noon in a drizzling rain. Con-

struction of footings and basement is expected to start within a few days by Shelton Hannig Inc., contractors on the \$3 million structure.

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CITY POLICE
ARREST YOUTH
AFTER BREAK-IN

Library, Vigo Co.
City police arrested a local youth early Thursday morning when they found the boy hiding behind a counter inside the Hooks Drug Store, Southland Shopping Center.

Reports indicate police answered a 5 a.m. silent alarm and found the youth Wallace L. Wilson, 3301 S. 7th St. inside the building. Officers said entry was also gained into the South and branch of the Vigo County Library.

Wallace is charged with second degree burglary.

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Computer terminal cataloging books for school system

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By ROB ALLEN
Tribune Staff Writer

At day's beginning, it says, "Good morning." And when the last work is done at day's end, it says, "Good bye."

Not unusual for a fellow worker, one could say.

But, this fellow worker is a computer.

A computer terminal installed at Vigo County School Corp.'s Washington Building to assist in cataloging the school system's estimated 200,000 to 250,000 library books.

Georgia Cole, VCSC's Instructional Materials Center coordinator, said the computer terminal was received as a grant and was installed last May. VCSC is only the second Indiana school system to receive one.

Indiana State University's Cunningham Memorial Library has two and Vigo County Public Library has one.

Mrs. Cole said the terminal is linked, as are hundreds of others across the nation, with a data base station in Columbus, Ohio. Every book that is bought by VCSC to be put in its numerous school libraries can be cataloged by "inputting" certain information into the computer.

Lorraine Brett, VCSC's book cataloger and computer terminal operator, said all the information that is needed is returned instantly by the terminal and labels are auto-

matically printed on an accompanying machine.

The end result: a much faster process that enables the books that are needed by school libraries to be delivered much sooner.

Catalog cards are produced in Columbus and sent to the school corporation to be used in the school file. In the past, stencils had to be typed out at the instructional materials center and copies had to be made there.

An example of the quickness was pointed out by Mrs. Brett. "Recently, we had 54 books that had to be cataloged," she said. "After the information was obtained on the computer, the girls were able to have all 54 ready in 20 minutes."

Mrs. Brett attended "a workshop or two" where the computer's coding was explained and a manual is at hand while she works. "It was a little slow at first," she admitted. "But, practice is the best teacher."

Presently, the terminal is used for cataloging books only, but future possibilities include cataloging the VCSC's film library and producing subject bibliographies that can be distributed to the schools.

Asked if the terminal seems human at times, Mrs. Brett laughed and said no. "But, it does say good morning and good bye. I kind of like that" she added.

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